R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Concerned citizens from throughout the Lone Star
2 State are observing April 27, 2011, as Anti-Human Trafficking Day
3 at the State Capitol to heighten awareness of this increasingly
4 prevalent crime; and

5   WHEREAS, Human trafficking is the modern manifestation of the
6 ancient scourge of slavery; domestic and international victims of
7 human trafficking are often lured by the false promise of a better
8 life, only to find themselves trapped in the illicit sex or labor
9 industries; and

10   WHEREAS, The occurrence of human trafficking within our state
11 and nation has led to cooperative efforts between the Texas
12 Legislature and numerous other government agencies to combat this
13 atrocity; laws have been enacted to protect victims and punish
14 traffickers, a task force has been created, and mandatory law
15 enforcement training has helped better prepare first responders;
16 and

17   WHEREAS, Organizations across the state have played an
18 important role in making people aware of human trafficking through
19 direct service, advocacy, research, and community education; among
20 the groups performing this invaluable service are Children at Risk,
21 the Texas Catholic Conference, the Baptist General Convention of
22 Texas, Redeemed Ministries, and the Combined Law Enforcement
23 Associations of Texas; and

24   WHEREAS, It is truly appropriate that a day be set aside to

1 draw attention to the critical issue of human trafficking and to

2 honor the notable groups who are striving to assist victims and put

3 an end to this horrific practice; now, therefore, be it

4   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

5 Legislature hereby recognize April 27, 2011, as Anti-Human

6 Trafficking Day and commend the organizations and individuals

7 working to eliminate human trafficking in Texas and beyond.

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H.R. No. 1578

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1578 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House