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H.C.R. No. 112

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of Civitan International have set aside the  
2 month of April to raise awareness of individuals with developmental  
3 disabilities and of the efforts undertaken by Civitan members to  
4 help those in need; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1917 in Birmingham, Alabama, Civitan  
6 International is a network of over 1,300 volunteer service clubs  
7 across the world dedicated to benefiting others; its more than  
8 40,000 members address problems in their communities through a  
9 variety of activities that in turn reward Civitan members with the  
10 knowledge that they are effecting positive change; and

11 WHEREAS, The mission of Civitan International includes a  
12 special emphasis on serving persons with developmental  
13 disabilities; along with actively contributing to programs like the  
14 Special Olympics, members sponsor and organize special camps and  
15 events for persons facing developmental challenges; and

16 WHEREAS, The organization also provides funding for the  
17 Civitan International Research Center at the University of Alabama  
18 at Birmingham and the Civitan-Sparks Clinics in Birmingham; the  
19 center specializes in research into disorders such as autism, Down  
20 syndrome, brain tumors, and epilepsy, and the clinics provide  
21 children and families with diagnostic services, therapy,  
22 counseling, and other resources; and

23 WHEREAS, Each day, Civitan International members devote  
24 their talents and energies to serving the greater good and reaching

1 out to others, and their example of positive citizenship is indeed  
2 deserving of the highest praise; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby designate April 2013 as Civitan International Awareness  
5 Month and commend the members of Civitan International for their  
6 many good works; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Civitan International as an expression of high regard  
9 by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.