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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the
2 National Institutes of Health, has designated January 28 through
3 February 3, 2013, as National Drug Facts Week in order to educate
4 teens about substance abuse and addiction; and

5 WHEREAS, According to available figures, more than 10 percent
6 of high school seniors admit to the nonmedical use of prescription
7 painkillers, while approximately one-third report having used
8 illicit drugs within the past year and more than 20 percent
9 acknowledge having smoked marijuana during the past month; while
10 teens often lack accurate knowledge about drugs and their effects,
11 they are frequently exposed to myths about drugs and drug use by way
12 of television, movies, music, the Internet, and their peers; and

13 WHEREAS, National Drug Facts Week was launched in 2010 as an
14 effort to help teens make informed and responsible choices by
15 connecting them with credible health experts; at school assemblies
16 and other community-based events across the country, students will
17 be able to ask scientists questions about the health and behavioral
18 effects of drug use, and they are also invited to organize drug
19 awareness activities in their own neighborhoods; and

20 WHEREAS, Society as a whole benefits when young people are
21 empowered to think critically about their lifestyle choices, and by
22 participating in this important observance, the State of Texas is
23 helping teens to make enlightened decisions today and in the years
24 ahead; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize January 28 through February 3, 2013,
3 as National Drug Facts Week and encourage young Texans to learn more
4 about this serious issue.