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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The observance of Damage Prevention Month in April  
2 2013 provides an opportunity to remind citizens to make a free call  
3 to 811 before undertaking any digging project; and

4           WHEREAS, Excavation-related damages account for more than 75  
5 percent of all Texas pipeline accidents; accordingly, the pipeline  
6 industry has taken aggressive steps to help avoid mishaps by  
7 funding informational programs and publicity campaigns, including  
8 the national "Know what's below . . . Call before you dig"  
9 initiative; moreover, the industry has advocated for the  
10 implementation of regulatory requirements for safety measures; and

11           WHEREAS, When residents call 811, they are connected to a  
12 local one-call center that notifies the appropriate utility  
13 companies of the digging plan; professional locators are dispatched  
14 to the site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines  
15 with flags, paint, or both; projects that merit a call range from  
16 building a deck to planting a tree; and

17           WHEREAS, Striking a pipeline can result in serious injury as  
18 well as in outages, repair costs, and fines, but by calling 811,  
19 citizens can prevent problems and ensure the integrity and safe  
20 operation of underground facilities; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby recognize April 2013 as Damage Prevention Month  
23 and urge all Texans to take the proper preventive measures before  
24 excavating.