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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 63rd annual National Day of Prayer is taking  
2 place on May 1, 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, Americans have always relied on prayer to help  
4 navigate that daily miracle we call life; the first settlers prayed  
5 for the will to survive in the harsh environment of their new  
6 homeland, and the colonists united under their appeals to a higher  
7 power during the dark days of the Revolution; in the midst of the  
8 Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of prayer for  
9 a divided country, seeking God's blessings and support in the  
10 restoration of peace; and

11 WHEREAS, The annual National Day of Prayer was established  
12 when President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution by Congress  
13 in 1952; the permanent date was set in 1988 by President Ronald  
14 Reagan, who chose the first Thursday in May for the observance; and

15 WHEREAS, Prayer is an integral part of this country's moral  
16 foundation and Judeo-Christian history, and its power continues to  
17 help Americans gain strength and sustenance in times of uncertainty  
18 and fear, joy and challenge; the National Day of Prayer is an  
19 opportunity for citizens to gather together and express gratitude  
20 for the many gifts and liberties that we have, and to pray for this  
21 great nation, its people, and its leaders; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
23 Legislature hereby recognize May 1, 2014, as the National Day of  
24 Prayer in Texas; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That Texans be encouraged to join together on this  
2 day to participate in this meaningful spiritual event.