

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 272

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in observing February 25, 2013, as Anti-Human Trafficking Day at the Capitol; and

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

WHEREAS, The occurrence of human trafficking within our state and nation has led to cooperative efforts between the Texas Legislature and numerous other government agencies to combat this terrible crime; laws have been enacted to protect victims and punish traffickers, a task force has been created, and mandatory law enforcement training has raised awareness among first responders; and

WHEREAS, Advocacy groups across the state have played an important role in making people aware of this atrocity through direct service, policy advocacy, research, and community education; among the many groups performing this invaluable service are Children at Risk, Redeemed Ministries, the Texas Catholic Conference, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas; and

WHEREAS, It is truly appropriate that a day be set aside to raise awareness of this inhuman practice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the organizations and individuals working to eliminate human trafficking in our state and nation and extend best wishes for a productive Anti-Human Trafficking Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this important occasion.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate