

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 755**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins citizens across our country who are observing World Meningitis Day by recognizing April 25, 2013, as Texas Meningitis Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS,** The two most well-known types of meningitis are bacterial meningitis and viral meningitis; bacterial meningitis is a serious, potentially deadly disease that can progress very quickly; a person may die in a period of only eight to 24 hours after contracting infection; and

**WHEREAS,** Bacterial meningitis is an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord; the disease strikes 2,000 to 3,000 Americans each year, and 10 to 12 percent of those infected die; and

**WHEREAS,** The rate of this invasive disease among persons 17 to 20 years of age is twice that of the rate among the general United States population, and it causes five to 15 deaths among college students every year; among those who survive meningococcal disease, 20 percent live with severe health problems; and

**WHEREAS,** Adolescent vaccination would reduce direct costs of the disease by \$18 million and decrease productivity losses by \$50 million; vaccination would save lives and prevent the health problems and disabilities caused by the bacterium, such as brain damage, kidney failure, and epilepsy; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby urge all Texans to observe April 25, 2013, as Texas Meningitis Awareness Day and encourage public

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enlightenment regarding vaccination that would reduce the occurrence of this deadly disease; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in recognition of Texas Meningitis Awareness Day.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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