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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Advocates from across the state are joining together
- 2 for Child Protection Day at the State Capitol on April 1, 2015, as a
- 3 show of unity in the fight to end child abuse and neglect; and
- WHEREAS, In Texas, an average of 182 children are confirmed
- 5 as victims of abuse or neglect every day, and three children die
- 6 each week as a result of maltreatment; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Abuse and neglect exact a heavy physical and
- 8 emotional toll on victims, and the lifetime cost of dealing with
- 9 these cases is likewise substantial; according to the U.S. Centers
- 10 for Disease Control and Prevention, a total of \$14.1 billion was
- 11 spent to address the consequences of child abuse and neglect in
- 12 Texas in 2014, with expenditures accounting for health care,
- 13 education, and loss of productivity pertaining to both living and
- 14 deceased victims; and
- WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention programs can be an effective
- 16 means of improving outcomes for at-risk families and children; as
- 17 many cases of abuse result from caregivers failing to cope with
- 18 stress, these programs may involve providing education and
- 19 assistance to vulnerable families; prevention efforts are also
- 20 focused on building more supportive communities, strengthening
- 21 child welfare agencies, and addressing co-occurring issues related
- 22 to maltreatment; and
- WHEREAS, Every child has the fundamental right to grow up in a
- 24 loving family, free from fear and harm, and those taking part in

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- 1 Child Protection Day are affirming their commitment to making this
- 2 ideal a reality for every young Texan; now, therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby recognize Child Protection Day at the State
- 5 Capitol on April 1, 2015, and commend the organizations and
- 6 individuals in attendance today for their meaningful contributions
- 7 to the well-being of children in our state.

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