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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           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

15           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

23           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.