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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Concerned citizens throughout the state are joining
2 in the observance of National Missing Children's Day on May 25,
3 2016, in an effort to mobilize the public to take action on an issue
4 that is deeply troubling to all Texans; and

5 WHEREAS, This nationwide annual event was first held on May
6 25, 1983, as a tribute to six-year-old Etan Patz of New York City,
7 who disappeared that day in 1979, when there was no national
8 response or database in place to aid in locating him; and

9 WHEREAS, With the participation of local governments, law
10 enforcement, schools, community-based organizations, and families,
11 National Missing Children's Day seeks to raise awareness of
12 protective measures and enhance efforts to bring home those who are
13 currently missing; notable initiatives in Texas include the Take 25
14 Campaign, through which the National Center for Missing & Exploited
15 Children and its local partners organize public events and provide
16 resources to help families learn about and prevent abductions;
17 thanks in part to programs such as these, the recovery rate of
18 children abducted in the United States has increased sharply in the
19 decades since the observance was instituted; and

20 WHEREAS, Protecting our youth is a responsibility that rests
21 with all citizens, and National Missing Children's Day offers an
22 important opportunity to educate the public about this serious
23 issue; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize May 25, 2016, as National Missing
2 Children's Day and encourage all Texans to learn more about what
3 they can do to help keep our children safe.