

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 266

WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Breastfeeding Coalition are visiting the State Capitol on March 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving breast-feeding rates, the coalition works to promote a public environment that accepts and supports mothers in this healthy practice; medical authorities such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention all strongly recommend breast-feeding, and the nation's surgeon general has issued a call to action in this regard; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breast-feeding is one of the most effective measures a mother can take to protect the health of her infant; breast-feeding protects babies from a wide range of infections and illnesses, and breast-fed babies are less likely to develop asthma; in addition, breast-feeding reduces the risk of sudden infant death syndrome, and children who are breast-fed for six months are less likely to become obese; mothers who breast-feed also have a decreased risk of breast and ovarian cancers; and

WHEREAS, Cost-benefit analyses performed by private researchers and by the federal government have found that increases in breast-feeding reduce costs to the nation's health care system for both acute and chronic illnesses; Texas, with its high rates of obesity and diabetes, stands to benefit significantly by encouraging more mothers to breast-feed; and

WHEREAS, Despite the vital advantages conferred by breast-feeding, mothers do not always receive the up-to-date

instructions they need, and some current hospital practices make it more difficult to establish successful breast-feeding; mothers may also confront a lack of accommodations at work and in public places; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Breastfeeding Coalition is making a positive difference in the lives of women and children through its efforts to educate the public and improve support for breast-feeding, and a special day to spotlight its endeavors is most fitting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize March 3, 2015, as Texas Breastfeeding Coalition Lobby Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those participating sincere best wishes for the future.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate