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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, When a person is losing blood, every minute counts,  
2 and the Stop the Bleed campaign of the U.S. Department of Homeland  
3 Security is informing Americans about vital measures to aid trauma  
4 victims; and

5           WHEREAS, The initiative was created in the wake of the 2012  
6 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; at the request of the  
7 governor of Connecticut, Dr. Lenworth Jacobs convened a panel of  
8 experts, among them the American College of Surgeons, and their  
9 review led to development of the Stop the Bleed campaign; in Texas,  
10 implementation of the program is being guided by Dr. J. Patrick  
11 Walker of Crockett, a member of the American College of Surgeons  
12 Committee on Trauma; and

13           WHEREAS, Because a trauma victim can bleed to death within  
14 five minutes, before professional emergency care arrives, the  
15 program teaches citizens bleeding-control methods developed by the  
16 military and first responders; Stop the Bleed also provides kits  
17 that include such tools as tourniquets, dressings, and topical  
18 hemostatic agents to help bystanders offer swift assistance at the  
19 scene of a mass casualty or other incident; these kits are affixed  
20 to walls in public places, much like the cardiac defibrillators  
21 with which most modern buildings are furnished; and

22           WHEREAS, The Stop the Bleed campaign is empowering citizens  
23 across the country to save lives in situations when time is of the  
24 absolute essence; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
2 hereby recognize the Stop the Bleed campaign and encourage all  
3 Texans to participate in the initiative and learn more about the  
4 importance of bleeding-control measures.