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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Vaccinations play an important role in preventing
2 the contraction and spread of meningococcal disease; more than
3 1,000 such cases occur in the United States each year, and of those
4 persons infected, 10 to 15 percent will die, while another 10 to 20
5 percent will suffer serious complications, including brain or
6 kidney damage, loss of limbs, and nervous system problems; and

7 WHEREAS, There are many different strains, or serogroups, of
8 meningococcal disease, of which B, C, and Y are the most commonly
9 seen in the United States, and vaccines can help to provide
10 protection against all three; additionally, the Centers for Disease
11 Control and Prevention recommends vaccination against selected
12 serogroups; and

13 WHEREAS, Meningococcal disease, which is spread from person
14 to person during close or lengthy contact, most commonly affects
15 individuals from ages 16 to 23; because of low vaccination rates
16 among young people, several outbreaks of meningitis B have occurred
17 on college campuses around the country in recent years; the CDC
18 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that young
19 adults from ages 16 to 23 consult with a health care professional
20 about being immunized against serogroup B; and

21 WHEREAS, Although meningococcal disease is extremely
22 dangerous, if not fatal, it can be prevented through proper
23 vaccinations, and a greater awareness of this issue would be
24 beneficial to the health and well-being of many Texans; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby recognize the importance of vaccinations in preventing
4 meningococcal disease and encourage all Texans to learn more about
5 this vital issue.