

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, People across the State of Texas are observing the  
2 66th annual National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States has a long-standing tradition of  
4 public prayer dating back to the earliest days of its founding; in  
5 1775, the Second Continental Congress ordered a day of prayer for  
6 the fledgling nation, and during the ensuing decades and centuries,  
7 special days of prayer were issued by state and federal elected  
8 leaders; President Abraham Lincoln famously proclaimed a national  
9 day of prayer and fasting in the midst of the calamitous Civil War,  
10 calling upon citizens of the war-torn states to humble themselves  
11 before the Almighty; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer was made an annual event  
13 when President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution by Congress  
14 in 1952; the permanent date was set in 1988 when President Ronald  
15 Reagan signed the public law designating the first Thursday in May  
16 for the observance; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of our nation, in times of  
18 crisis and of calm, Americans have turned to prayer for strength,  
19 guidance, and inspiration, and the National Day of Prayer provides  
20 an opportunity for citizens from all walks of life to join together  
21 on a special occasion of fellowship, unity, and hope for our common  
22 future; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize May 4, 2017, as National Day of Prayer

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1 in Texas; and, be it further

2       RESOLVED, That all Texans be encouraged to set aside a  
3 particular moment on this day to give thanks for our manifold  
4 freedoms and blessings.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 197 was adopted by the House on  
February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House