

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In 2015, the Texas Department of Family and  
2 Protective Services received almost 275,000 allegations of child  
3 abuse and neglect; and

4           WHEREAS, Over 66,000 Texas children were confirmed to be  
5 victims of abuse and neglect, of whom more than 17,000 were removed  
6 from their homes; tragically, 171 children died of abuse and  
7 neglect in 2015; and

8           WHEREAS, The short-term and long-term costs of child abuse  
9 and neglect are estimated at \$210,012 per victim, paid through  
10 medical treatment, foster care, law enforcement, mental health  
11 care, special education, juvenile delinquency, and lost  
12 productivity; in 2015, the cost to Texans for child maltreatment  
13 was over \$14 billion; child maltreatment also carries enormous  
14 continuing societal costs as victims suffer from mental illness,  
15 substance abuse, developmental delays, teen pregnancy, academic  
16 underachievement, criminal behavior, unemployment, and poverty;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Child abuse is a state and community problem, and  
19 successfully protecting children depends on investments in  
20 evidence-based prevention from all sources; all citizens have an  
21 important role to play by supporting and encouraging parents and  
22 other caregivers so that children are raised in a safe, nurturing  
23 environment; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize February 7, 2017, as Child Protection  
2 and Home Visiting Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives call upon  
4 all citizens, officials, community agencies, religious  
5 organizations, medical facilities, schools, and businesses to  
6 support efforts to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Burkett  
Howard  
Minjarez  
Neave  
Roberts

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 293 was adopted by the House on February 7, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House