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H.R. No. 293

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

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.