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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Texas Missing Persons Day on April  
2 26, 2017, provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the many  
3 individuals of all ages who go missing each year; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2015, the National Crime Information Center  
5 recorded nearly 58,000 cases of missing Texans, a figure that  
6 includes more than 11,500 adults and 46,000 children; and

7 WHEREAS, The establishment of Texas Missing Persons Day is  
8 due in part to the efforts of Jo Ann Lowitzer, whose daughter,  
9 Alexandria Joy "Ali" Lowitzer, went missing from Spring on April  
10 26, 2010, at the age of 16; on the anniversary of that tragic day,  
11 communities are encouraged to come together in support of all  
12 families who have suffered the disappearance of a loved one; this  
13 occasion also offers an opportunity to educate those families on  
14 the best way to aid in the investigation of their loved one's case,  
15 to communicate with case investigators, and to maintain public  
16 awareness of the case until it is resolved; and

17 WHEREAS, No matter their age, all missing persons leave  
18 behind family and friends whose lives are consumed with longing for  
19 their safe return, and it is appropriate that a special day be set  
20 aside in honor of all those who have disappeared; now, therefore, be  
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby recognize April 26, 2017, as Texas Missing  
24 Persons Day.