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H.R. No. 243

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Positive Women's Network (PWN) Texas Strike
2 Force is gathering in Austin on March 27, 2023, for the seventh
3 biennial HIV Advocacy Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, This event is a statewide effort to bring together
5 Texans living with or affected by HIV and AIDS in order to promote
6 awareness and visibility of this health epidemic; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of State Health Services estimates
8 that Texas is currently home to nearly 98,000 people with HIV, a
9 reality with incalculable public health, social, and financial
10 consequences; and

11 WHEREAS, While there have been enormous medical and
12 scientific advancements to assist those living with HIV, there is
13 still more to be done to combat the stigma that impedes efforts to
14 end the HIV epidemic; and

15 WHEREAS, The many intersectional barriers that Texans living
16 with HIV face have led to the formation of the PWN Texas Strike
17 Force, which is composed of partner organizations and advocates
18 from Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, and other communities;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Every legislative session, HIV Advocacy Day
21 provides concerned citizens from all walks of life with the
22 opportunity to meet with state lawmakers and make their voices
23 heard on this critical public health issue, and all those taking
24 part in this important initiative are to be commended for their

1 contributions; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 27, 2023, as HIV Advocacy Day at
4 the State Capitol and extend sincere appreciation to the Positive
5 Women's Network Texas Strike Force for its invaluable work; and, be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the coalition as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.