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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Support Texas Adoptee Rights (STAR) are
2 gathering in Austin on March 21, 2023, for Texas Adoptee Rights Day
3 at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, A nonprofit organization, STAR is dedicated to
5 raising awareness of the unique challenges that adult adoptees face
6 in accessing their own information; through education and
7 legislative reform, the group works tirelessly to ensure that
8 adults in Texas who were adopted receive equal treatment under the
9 law and have access to their family health history and personal
10 identity information, including their original birth certificates;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The organization represents the interests of all
13 three parties involved in the adoption process--adult adoptees,
14 birth parents, and adoptive parents--and its members include
15 residents of 254 Texas counties as well as adoptees from out of
16 state whose births and adoptions occurred in Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, STAR is helping to rectify the unintended
18 consequences of past adoption practices in Texas and to create a
19 more transparent, just, and humane adoption system for the future;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize March 21, 2023, as Texas Adoptee
23 Rights Day at the State Capitol and extend to the organization
24 sincere best wishes for continued success with its important work.