

1-1 By: Cortez (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.C.R. No. 10
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 20, 2025;
1-3 May 20, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Every year, an estimated 260,000 children are
1-17 abducted in the United States, and in more than three-quarters of
1-18 these cases, the abduction is perpetrated by a family member of the
1-19 victim, typically a parent; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Family abductions often occur in the midst of
1-21 contentious divorce or child custody battles; because the abductor
1-22 is commonly a parent, kidnappings may not be recognized or reported
1-23 by witnesses, and the abducting parent may attempt to take the child
1-24 across state lines or even to a foreign country; in 2022, family
1-25 abduction cases accounted for 58 percent of all AMBER Alerts that
1-26 were issued; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Although most family abductions don't pose the same
1-28 imminent danger to the child as an abduction by a stranger, family
1-29 abductions are serious criminal offenses that can have devastating
1-30 impacts on children and families; and

1-31 WHEREAS, Parental kidnapping is illegal in every state, and
1-32 it is often prosecuted as a felony-level offense; these cases are
1-33 treated with the utmost urgency by law enforcement officials, who
1-34 work to return kidnapped children to their rightful home, even in
1-35 cases where the child does not face a threat of physical harm; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Family abductions are a violation of established
1-37 custodial rights that can have far-reaching effects on all who are
1-38 involved, and by focusing attention on the seriousness of this
1-39 crime, we may better protect our state's youngest and most
1-40 vulnerable residents from harm; now, therefore, be it

1-41 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-42 hereby designate May 23 as Family Abduction Awareness Day; and, be
1-43 it further

1-44 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of
1-45 Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in
1-46 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is
1-47 finally passed by the legislature.

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