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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, When a person is losing blood, every minute counts, and the Stop the Bleed campaign of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is informing Americans about vital measures to aid trauma victims; and

WHEREAS, The initiative was created in the wake of the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; at the request of the governor of Connecticut, Dr. Lenworth Jacobs convened a panel of experts, among them the American College of Surgeons, and their review led to development of the Stop the Bleed campaign; in Texas, implementation of the program is being guided by Dr. J. Patrick Walker of Crockett, a member of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma; and

WHEREAS, Because a trauma victim can bleed to death within five minutes, before professional emergency care arrives, the program teaches citizens bleeding-control methods developed by the military and first responders; Stop the Bleed also provides kits that include such tools as tourniquets, dressings, and topical hemostatic agents to help bystanders offer swift assistance at the scene of a mass casualty or other incident; these kits are affixed to walls in public places, much like the cardiac defibrillators with which most modern buildings are furnished; and

WHEREAS, The Stop the Bleed campaign is empowering citizens across the country to save lives in situations when time is of the absolute essence; now, therefore, be it
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RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby recognize the Stop the Bleed campaign and encourage all Texans to participate in the initiative and learn more about the importance of bleeding-control measures.

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I certify that H.C.R. No. 61 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 61 was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6-12-2017

Date

Governor