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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is being held at the State
2 Capitol on March 21, 2023, with the theme of "With Us Not For Us";
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4 WHEREAS, Down syndrome, the most commonly occurring
5 chromosomal condition, occurs in individuals who have a full or
6 partial extra copy of chromosome 21; one of every 700 babies born in
7 the United States each year is born with Down syndrome; and

8 WHEREAS, Medical advances have significantly increased the
9 life expectancy of people with Down syndrome, which is now
10 approaching that of peers without the condition; in addition to the
11 advantages of modern medicine, support groups and other resources
12 are now available in nearly every community in the United States;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, When provided with quality education programs, a
15 stimulating home environment, good health care, and support from
16 family and friends, people with Down syndrome can lead fulfilling
17 and productive lives; much progress has been made through the
18 vision and hard work of parents, researchers, medical
19 professionals, and other advocates, who have helped secure the
20 rights of people with Down syndrome to live at home, attend schools,
21 access appropriate health care, get married, find work, and
22 contribute to society; instead of a charity-based approach, this
23 year's theme of "With Us Not For Us" promotes a human rights-based
24 approach that emphasizes the right of those with disabilities to be

1 treated fairly and have the same opportunities available to others;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly
4 declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day; this year, the State
5 of Texas is joining with countries around the globe in recognition
6 of this special event, and all Texans are encouraged to take part by
7 helping to build a culture of greater respect and inclusion for
8 those living with Down syndrome; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
10 hereby recognize March 21, 2023, as World Down Syndrome Day at the
11 State Capitol.