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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Association for Behavior
2 Analysis Public Policy Group are gathering in Austin on March 29,
3 2023, to celebrate TxABA PPG Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Association for Behavior Analysis works to
5 advance the science and application of applied behavior analysis,
6 or ABA, a type of therapy that is considered an evidence-based best
7 practice treatment by the U.S. Surgeon General and the American
8 Psychological Association; and

9 WHEREAS, ABA is used to build a range of skills and reduce
10 problematic behaviors in individuals with autism, intellectual
11 and developmental disabilities, learning and communication
12 difficulties, brain injuries, physical disabilities, and
13 age-related infirmities, as well as in more typically developing
14 children and adults; it has been shown to have significant benefits
15 for clients in a variety of settings and to decrease the need for
16 special services; and

17 WHEREAS, TxABA is a state chapter of the Association for
18 Behavior Analysis International and an affiliate of the Association
19 of Professional Behavior Analysts; the organization serves as an
20 information resource for the general public, in addition to
21 professional behavior analysts; and

22 WHEREAS, During the 85th Legislative Session in 2017, the
23 Texas Legislature created licensure for board-certified behavior
24 analysts and assistant behavior analysts; the discipline of ABA has

1 grown substantially, and behavior analysis is now a robust field
2 with theoretical, experimental, and applied branches as well as
3 distinct research methods, scientific journals, textbooks,
4 scholarly and professional organizations, and university training
5 programs; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of studies published in scientific
7 journals have demonstrated the efficacy of many ABA procedures in
8 both clinical and nonclinical populations; the practice of ABA is a
9 distinct profession with well-established, widely recognized
10 professional and paraprofessional practitioner standards and
11 credentials; and

12 WHEREAS, Applied behavior analysts have excelled in their
13 efforts to enhance the quality of life for their clients while
14 promoting inclusion and acceptance, and the Texas Association for
15 Behavior Analysis merits praise for advancing the practice of this
16 important profession in our state; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
18 hereby recognize March 29, 2023, as TxABA PPG Day at the State
19 Capitol and extend to members of the Texas Association for Behavior
20 Analysis sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and informative
21 visit; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas Senate.