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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, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Down syndrome, the most commonly occurring
4 chromosomal condition, occurs in individuals who have a full or
5 partial extra copy of chromosome 21; one of every 700 babies born in
6 the United States each year is born with Down syndrome; and

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

13 WHEREAS, When provided with quality education programs, a
14 stimulating home environment, good health care, and support from
15 family and friends, individuals with Down syndrome can lead
16 fulfilling and productive lives; much progress has been made
17 through the vision and hard work of parents, researchers, medical
18 professionals, and other advocates, who have helped promote
19 inclusivity and secure the rights of people with Down syndrome to
20 live at home, attend schools, access appropriate health care, get
21 married, find work, and contribute to society; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly
23 declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day; this year, the State
24 of Texas is joining with countries around the globe in recognition

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1 of this special event, and all Texans are encouraged to take part by
2 helping to build a culture of greater respect and inclusion for
3 those living with Down syndrome; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize March 21, 2025, as World Down Syndrome
6 Day at the State Capitol.