

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a debilitating, painful, and
2 incurable neurological disorder of unknown origin that disrupts and
3 may end the lives of those who suffer from it; and

4 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease causes diverse symptoms,
5 including rigidity, slowness of movement, poor balance, and
6 tremors, that lead to an impaired ability to walk, speak, swallow,
7 and even breathe, resulting in the tragic combination of an able
8 mind and a body that has lost its ability to function; and

9 WHEREAS, Currently, there are 1.5 million Americans,
10 including many residents of the Lone Star State, who are afflicted
11 with this serious malady, and 60,000 more are diagnosed with the
12 disease each year; the estimated expenditure in medical treatments,
13 disability payments, and lost productivity totals \$25 billion
14 annually; and

15 WHEREAS, Increased education and research are needed to
16 develop more treatments, provide additional support programs and
17 services to patients, care partners, and families, and ultimately
18 find a cure for Parkinson's disease; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize April as Parkinson's Disease
21 Awareness Month in Texas and encourage all Texas residents to learn
22 more about this devastating illness.

Cook of Navarro

H.R. No. 752

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 752 was adopted by the House on March 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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