

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 708

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join citizens across the nation in recognizing April of 2007 as Autism Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the month of April, special programs, films, public service advertising, and other activities have been planned by Autism Speaks to spread awareness about autism spectrum disorders; and

WHEREAS, Autism Speaks is a nonprofit organization founded to increase awareness of autism spectrum disorders, raise funds for research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism, and advocate for the needs of families affected by autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex brain disorder that inhibits a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships; it is often accompanied by extreme behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders are diagnosed in one in 150 children in the United States; it is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a national public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Due to the work of many volunteers and Autism Speaks, which has merged with the National Alliance for Autism Research and Cure Autism Now, the research into the causes of autism can go forward with the anticipation that one day there will be a cure or effective treatment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby proclaim April of 2007 Autism Awareness Month and encourage all Texans to become better informed about this disorder; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in observance of Autism Awareness Month.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 16, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate