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H.R. No. 637

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Autism Council for Educational  
2 Support and Scientific Studies and the Rio Grande Valley Task Force  
3 of the Texas Council on Autism and Pervasive Developmental  
4 Disorders are visiting the State Capitol on February 26, 2009,  
5 providing a welcome opportunity to honor these notable  
6 organizations; and

7           WHEREAS, "Pervasive developmental disorders" refers to a  
8 group of disorders characterized by delays in the development of  
9 socialization and communication skills; autism, the most common of  
10 these disorders, is the result of a neurological disorder that  
11 affects the functioning of the brain and impacts normal development  
12 of social interaction and communication skills; autism typically  
13 appears during the first three years of life and affects as many as  
14 six per 1,000 individuals; other pervasive developmental disorders  
15 include Asperger's syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder,  
16 Rett syndrome, and PDD-not otherwise specified; and

17           WHEREAS, The Texas Council on Autism and Pervasive  
18 Developmental Disorders was established by legislation in 1987 and  
19 works to ensure that the needs of persons with autism and other  
20 pervasive developmental disorders and their families are  
21 addressed; task forces located throughout the state advise the  
22 council on a range of issues, and the council in turn makes  
23 recommendations to state agencies and the state legislature; and

24           WHEREAS, Organized to improve autism services, education,

1 and research in the Rio Grande Valley, the Autism Council for  
2 Educational Support and Scientific Studies consists of parents of  
3 children with autism, as well as professionals who regularly work  
4 with the autism spectrum disorders population; the Autism Council  
5 seeks to facilitate the development of an informed and united  
6 community, and as such, hosts a monthly autism support group; and

7       WHEREAS, Through their efforts to raise awareness of these  
8 prevalent developmental disabilities, members of the Autism  
9 Council for Educational Support and Scientific Studies and the Rio  
10 Grande Valley Task Force of the Texas Council on Autism and  
11 Pervasive Developmental Disorders are making a positive difference  
12 in the lives of South Texans, and they are indeed deserving of  
13 recognition; now, therefore, be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
15 Legislature hereby honor the Autism Council for Educational Support  
16 and Scientific Studies and the Rio Grande Valley Task Force of the  
17 Texas Council on Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders and  
18 extend to their members sincere best wishes for continued success  
19 with their important work; and, be it further

20       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for the organizations as an expression of high regard by  
22 the Texas House of Representatives.