

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders are complex lifelong
2 developmental disabilities that typically appear during the first
3 three years of life and result from neurological disorders that
4 affect different functions of the brain; and

5 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders affect the normal
6 development of the brain in the areas of social interactions,
7 communication skills, and restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped
8 patterns of behavior, interest, and activity; and

9 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders are one of the fastest
10 growing serious developmental disabilities in the United States and
11 affect up to as many as 1 in 150 individuals, more than 2,000,000
12 individuals nationally, and over 23,000 children in Texas; and

13 WHEREAS, The number of children under the age of 21 with
14 Autism Spectrum Disorders in Texas is projected to increase to
15 62,000 by 2028; and

16 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders have a wide range of
17 implications on the entire family of the diagnosed individual and
18 know no racial, ethnic, geographical, or socioeconomic boundary;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders require early detection,
21 intervention, more diagnostic research, professional educational
22 training, and therapy to aid in reducing the effects of Autism
23 Spectrum Disorders, not only for the individuals diagnosed but also
24 for their families; and

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1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas needs educators, parents,
2 doctors, service providers, caregivers, first responders,
3 legislators, and the public to better understand this disability
4 and continue to address this growing problem; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize the month of April 2009 as Autism
7 Awareness Month.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1490 was adopted by the House on April 21, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House