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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 affects 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 knows no racial, ethnic, geographical, or socio-economic 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 individual diagnosed, but for  
24 their families; and

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas needs educators, parents,  
2 doctors, service providers, caregivers, first respondents,  
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.