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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An estimated 10 million people in the United States  
2 and millions of people worldwide have been diagnosed with  
3 fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cause or cure;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Fibromyalgia is a chronic condition characterized  
6 by widespread pain in muscles, ligaments, and tendons, as well as  
7 fatigue and multiple tender points; although diagnoses of  
8 fibromyalgia are becoming increasingly common, it can take an  
9 average of five years to receive a diagnosis because medical  
10 professionals are often inadequately educated on the disease; and

11           WHEREAS, Manifested through myriad symptoms that can come and  
12 go unpredictably and vary in severity, fibromyalgia is  
13 life-altering; people with fibromyalgia are never completely  
14 symptom free, and this takes a toll emotionally, financially, and  
15 socially on those who suffer from the disease, as well as on their  
16 family and friends; and

17           WHEREAS, The chronically ill place a burden on the health  
18 care and insurance industries, and society as a whole is impacted  
19 when patients are physically unable to work and must depend on  
20 government assistance to survive; and

21           WHEREAS, The National Fibromyalgia Association, Austin Fibro  
22 Friends, and other groups around the country are joining together  
23 to promote enhanced education, diagnosis, research, and treatment  
24 of fibromyalgia; and

1           WHEREAS, Increasing public understanding of fibromyalgia is  
2 essential to helping lessen the human and financial cost of this  
3 disease, and participating in National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day  
4 is one way to support this effort; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize May 12, 2009, as Fibromyalgia  
7 Awareness Day and encourage all Texans to learn more about this  
8 chronic pain disorder.