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H.R. No. 463

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the San Antonio Chapter of the National
2 Alliance on Mental Illness are visiting the State Capitol on
3 February 17, 2011, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity
4 to recognize this outstanding organization; and

5 WHEREAS, NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots
6 organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and
7 families affected by mental illness; through the dedicated efforts
8 of its volunteers, including members of local affiliates in more
9 than 1,100 communities, NAMI focuses on support, public education,
10 and advocacy; and

11 WHEREAS, Founded in 1984, NAMI San Antonio serves individuals
12 and their loved ones affected by severe and persistent mental
13 illnesses, including schizophrenia, schizo-affective disorder,
14 bipolar disorder, major depression, and
15 obsessive-compulsive/anxiety disorders; the organization promotes
16 the well-being, comfort, and happiness of the mentally ill and
17 strives to improve conditions generally for those with mental
18 illnesses; and

19 WHEREAS, NAMI San Antonio offers support groups for people
20 living with mental illness and classes for family, friends, and
21 caregivers; moreover, it fosters the development and enhancement of
22 services and promotes research into treatment options; members
23 endeavor to remove the stigma caused by inaccurate and hurtful
24 representations of mental illness, and the organization provides

1 the public with clear information about mental illnesses, mental
2 health care, diagnosis, treatment, and recovery; and

3 WHEREAS, Through their dedication and hard work, the members
4 of San Antonio NAMI have made a positive difference in the lives of
5 countless Texans, and they are most deserving of special
6 recognition; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the members of the San Antonio Chapter of the
8 National Alliance on Mental Illness be welcomed to the State
9 Capitol and be commended for their efforts to promote equitable
10 services and treatment for consumers and families living with
11 mental illness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for NAMI San Antonio as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.