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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 21, 2011, has been designated as World Down
2 Syndrome Day to raise awareness of that condition and to recognize
3 the vital role people with Down syndrome play in our families and
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, The result of a chance biological occurrence, Down
6 syndrome is a genetic condition that causes delays in physical and
7 intellectual development; the date of the observance, 3-21,
8 represents the three copies of chromosome 21, which is unique to
9 people with Down syndrome; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the National Down Syndrome Society,
11 there are more than 400,000 people living with this chromosomal
12 disorder in the United States today, and these individuals are
13 demonstrating daily the success that people with Down syndrome are
14 able to achieve; many of these men and women are living
15 independently, working in corporations and businesses, both large
16 and small, and participating in community activities, and children
17 with Down syndrome are attending regular schools, playing on Little
18 League teams, and enjoying rich and rewarding lives; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, advancements in
20 scientific research have improved our understanding of
21 developmental disabilities, and dedicated physicians, teachers,
22 parents, and organizations have established programs that benefit
23 individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and their
24 communities; moreover, Down syndrome associations across Texas

1 have worked closely with other local and government agencies to
2 call attention to the achievements, needs, and potential of people
3 who have Down syndrome; and

4 WHEREAS, Parents of babies with Down syndrome can now receive
5 strong support that allows them to plan for their children's future
6 with greater confidence and optimism; and

7 WHEREAS, The goals of World Down Syndrome Day are to heighten
8 awareness and understanding and to promote dignity and opportunity,
9 and it is indeed a pleasure to join in supporting this worthy
10 initiative; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 21, 2011, as World Down Syndrome
13 Day in Texas and encourage the public to learn more about the lives
14 and achievements of individuals with Down syndrome.