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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 cure and the causes of
4 which are not fully understood; 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 multiple
9 consultations and as long as five years to receive a diagnosis
10 because medical professionals are often inadequately educated on
11 the disease; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Receiving an accurate diagnosis and information is
20 the first step toward better managing the disease, and to this end,
21 the National Fibromyalgia Association, Austin Fibro Friends, and
22 other groups around the country are joining together to promote
23 enhanced education, diagnosis, research, and treatment; and

24 WHEREAS, Increasing public understanding of fibromyalgia is

1 essential to helping lessen the human and financial cost of this
2 disease, and participating in Fibromyalgia Awareness Month is one
3 way to support this effort; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize May 2011 as Fibromyalgia Awareness
6 Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about this chronic pain
7 disorder.