## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, An estimated six million people in the United States
have an unruptured brain aneurysm, representing nearly one in 50
Americans; and

WHEREAS, A brain aneurysm is a weak, bulging spot on the wall 4 5 of a brain artery, usually between an eighth of an inch to an inch in size, that forms from continuous wear and tear on the arterial walls 6 7 over an extended period of time; though most aneurysms do not rupture, a ruptured aneurysm is a very dangerous occurrence 8 9 associated with cerebral hemorrhage, high rates of mortality, and disability; about 40 percent of ruptures are fatal, and of those who 10 11 survive, about two-thirds will suffer some permanent neurological 12 deficit; and

13 WHEREAS, Most prevalent in people ages 35 to 60, brain 14 aneurysms can also be found in children; each year, half a million 15 deaths worldwide can be attributed to brain aneurysms, and women 16 are somewhat more likely than men to be at risk; and

WHEREAS, Like heart attacks, brain aneurysm ruptures can 17 occur without warning; risk factors include smoking, hypertension, 18 drug use, traumatic head injuries, congenital abnormalities, and 19 20 family history; because of the severity of ruptures, accurate early 21 diagnosis is critical, and it can be performed through noninvasive imaging and screening techniques; unfortunately, too many 22 23 aneurysms are ignored until it is too late, and misdiagnosis is still all too common, but such organizations as The Brain Aneurysm 24

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1 Foundation are doing commendable work to unite the medical 2 community, government, and the public in favor of conducting 3 crucial research minimizing the toll that brain aneurysms take on 4 our society; and

5 WHEREAS, Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month is an effort to call 6 attention to the devastating effects of brain aneurysms, to help 7 educate people about the importance of early detection, and to 8 provide support to those facing treatment and recovery; now, 9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas 11 Legislature hereby recognize September 2011 as Brain Aneurysm 12 Awareness Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about this 13 serious health matter.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1070 was adopted by the House on April 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House