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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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.