

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 491**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Down Syndrome International and the Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas in observing March 21, 2011, as World Down Syndrome Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Begun in 2006, World Down Syndrome Day serves to promote public awareness and understanding of Down syndrome and related issues, to mobilize support for the well-being of those with this condition, and to encourage recognition of their dignity and their rights; and

**WHEREAS**, The 21st day of the third month of the year was chosen to signify the uniqueness of the syndrome's triplication of the 21st chromosome; numerous events are planned throughout the world to commemorate this special occasion, and many of them are designed to showcase the abilities, talents, and accomplishments of persons with Down syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, It is truly fitting that a day be set aside to recognize the contributions that persons with Down syndrome have made to our society; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Down Syndrome International on its commitment to improving the lives of those with Down syndrome and extend best wishes for a memorable and successful World Down Syndrome Day; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 21, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate