

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 886

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Arthritis Foundation and Texans across the state in observing May of 2011 as Fight Arthritis Pain Month in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Arthritis is the number one cause of disability in the United States, and more than 4.1 million Texans suffer the effects of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Affecting all demographic and socioeconomic groups, arthritis puts people at higher risk for a number of other conditions, including premature heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, depression, and anxiety; its effects cost Texans an estimated \$8.7 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, Arthritis is widely believed to affect only older adults, but more than 300,000 children in the United States have been diagnosed with the disease; and

WHEREAS, Arthritis exacts a toll on a significant part of this state's population, and it is truly fitting that a month be set aside to educate the public about this disease and about the resources available to those who suffer from it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Arthritis Foundation on its efforts to raise awareness of the disease and extend best wishes for a successful Fight Arthritis Pain Month in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in recognition of Fight Arthritis Pain Month.

Nichols, Hinojosa
Nelson

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 2, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate