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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Williams syndrome affects as many as 30,000 people
2 across the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, A developmental disorder, Williams syndrome is
4 characterized by mild to moderate intellectual disability or
5 learning problems, unique personality characteristics, distinctive
6 facial features, and cardiovascular problems; it is caused by the
7 deletion of genetic material from a specific region of chromosome
8 7; and

9 WHEREAS, Individuals with the syndrome tend to be outgoing
10 and take a great interest in other people; they may demonstrate
11 strengths in some intellectual areas, such as speech, long-term
12 memory, musical ability, and social skills, while showing weakness
13 in others, and they are prone to attention deficit disorder,
14 anxiety issues, or phobias; and

15 WHEREAS, Frequently, WS brings a form of cardiovascular
16 disease, supravalvular aortic stenosis, that can become
17 life-threatening if left untreated; children with the syndrome may
18 need costly and ongoing medical care, and personalized educational
19 programs are generally indicated; and

20 WHEREAS, Struggles with spatial relations, numbers, and
21 abstract reasoning can make daily tasks challenging, and as adults,
22 a high percentage of people with WS require supportive housing;
23 most lead healthy, full, and active lives, contributing to their
24 communities as volunteers or through employment, but it is vital

1 that they receive ongoing medical monitoring and supervision to
2 detect medical problems that may develop over time; and

3 WHEREAS, Through appropriate care, education, and support,
4 individuals with Williams syndrome can reach their highest
5 potential, and early diagnosis greatly increases opportunities to
6 address health issues as they arise and help children grow to become
7 happy, productive citizens of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby encourage greater awareness of Williams
11 syndrome and call on all Texans to learn more about this condition.