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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The seventh annual Autism Awareness Walk is being  
2 held in Corpus Christi on April 20, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disorder  
4 that generally appears in the first three years of life and affects  
5 the brain's normal development of social interaction,  
6 communication skills, and cognitive function; in 2000, the  
7 prevalence rate of autism was one in every 150 children; it is now  
8 one in every 88, which translates to an estimated 299,900 Texans  
9 with the disability; and

10 WHEREAS, The annual Autism Awareness Walk, which was started  
11 by Coastal Bend Autism Advocacy, is sponsored by the Autism  
12 Spectrum Resource Center, which works to provide affordable support  
13 services and make a positive difference in the lives of the  
14 individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families; and

15 WHEREAS, The Autism Awareness Walk is fostering a greater  
16 understanding of a disorder that affects the lives of many Texans,  
17 and it is most fitting to recognize this important event; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the seventh annual Autism Awareness  
21 Walk in Corpus Christi and extend sincere best wishes to all  
22 participants for a meaningful and memorable event.