

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 532

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize April of 2013 as Autism Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that affects approximately 67 million people globally; it is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the world; more children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with diabetes, pediatric cancer, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, Researchers and medical experts have not yet determined the causes of autism, but early diagnosis and intervention are of paramount importance to its effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, Once autism is diagnosed, behavioral intervention can dramatically improve the outcomes for children with autism spectrum disorders; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month provides an important opportunity for sharing information about this often misunderstood condition and emphasizing the benefits of early diagnosis; individuals who have autism are valuable members of society, and this month of activities, special events, and outreach programs also celebrates their unique talents and skills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize April as Autism Awareness Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 25, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate