

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 770

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in observing April 30, 2013, as Autism Awareness Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism spectrum disorders affect people from all walks of life, regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, or geography; autism has been identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a national public health crisis, and its cause and cure remain unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, Many people in this state and across the nation are working to provide support to those affected by autism and to help to find treatments and a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, The Autism Society of America is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots organization serving those affected by autism spectrum disorders; its 107 local and state affiliates help more than a million people each year by providing the latest information, referral sources, and lifespan support and assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Speaks was founded in 2005 and has grown to become the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization; dedicated to funding research on the causes, prevention, and treatment of autism and to finding a cure, this exceptional organization is also an invaluable advocate for the needs of individuals with autism and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Each person with an autism spectrum disorder should be provided every opportunity to have the highest possible quality of life, and it is truly fitting that a day be set aside to raise awareness about this crucial issue; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the efforts of all who assist or advocate for persons with autism spectrum disorders and designate April 30, 2013, as Autism Awareness Day at the State Capitol; 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 April 29, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate