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H.C.R. No. 98

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, More than 37,000 Texans annually develop venous
2 thromboembolism, a disease that encompasses deep-vein thrombosis,
3 commonly known as DVT, and pulmonary embolism; and

4 WHEREAS, DVT occurs when a blood clot forms in a deep vein,
5 usually in the calf or thigh, and either partially or completely
6 blocks the flow of blood; if the clot travels to the lungs, it can
7 cause pulmonary embolism; these two conditions claim the lives of
8 at least 10,000 Texans each year; and

9 WHEREAS, A related danger is the thromboembolic stroke, which
10 can be caused by atrial fibrillation, a serious cardiac condition
11 characterized by an irregular and often rapid heart rate; nearly
12 250,000 individuals in Texas are affected by AF yearly; and

13 WHEREAS, Recognizing and responding to the symptoms of these
14 ailments can help prevent more serious complications; the signs of
15 DVT include pain, swelling, tenderness, and discolored skin in the
16 affected area; the fluttering heartbeat that is synonymous with AF
17 can lead to other indicators associated with poor blood
18 circulation, such as dizziness, general fatigue, shortness of
19 breath, and chest pain; and

20 WHEREAS, By increasing their awareness of deep-vein
21 thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, and atrial fibrillation,
22 individuals are better prepared to seek prompt medical attention
23 when necessary, thereby minimizing the risks associated with these
24 conditions; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby designate October as Thrombosis Awareness Month; and, be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section
5 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
6 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
7 passed by the legislature.