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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Since the 1970s, April has been set aside as
2 National Autism Awareness Month in order to inform the public about
3 autism and issues within the autism community; and

4 WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorder and autism are general
5 terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development; they
6 are characterized by varying levels of difficulty in social
7 interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, and repetitive
8 behaviors; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the United States Centers for Disease
10 Control and Prevention, 1 in every 68 children is affected by
11 autism, compared with 1 in 150 a decade ago; the Autism Society
12 calculates that more than 3.5 million Americans of all ages live
13 with an autism spectrum disorder; and

14 WHEREAS, The cause of this disorder is unknown, but
15 behavioral intervention can dramatically improve outcomes; early
16 diagnosis and intervention are crucial to ensure effective
17 treatment that can help these valuable members of society use their
18 skills and talents to reach their full potential; now, therefore,
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby recognize April 2015 as Autism Awareness Month and encourage
22 all Texans to learn more about autism spectrum disorder.