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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Academic Language Therapy
2 Association and its Texas chapter are gathering at the State
3 Capitol on February 4, 2015, to commemorate Dyslexia Awareness Day;
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5 WHEREAS, A national organization headquartered in Dallas,
6 ALTA was founded in 1986 to promote high standards of education,
7 practice, and professionalism in the delivery of services to
8 students with dyslexia and related disorders; the group's
9 membership includes licensed dyslexia therapists and
10 practitioners, along with parents and educators; and

11 WHEREAS, One in five students has a language-based
12 disability, and dyslexia is the most common of these disabilities;
13 across Texas, public school district identification of students
14 with dyslexia varies widely, from almost 17 percent in some schools
15 to about 0.2 percent in others, according to 2014 Public Education
16 Information Management System data; a 2000 study by The University
17 of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston--Texas Department of Criminal
18 Justice Hospital found dyslexia among 48 percent of the state's
19 prison population; and

20 WHEREAS, Dyslexia and related disorders are far from
21 uncommon, but although their impact can be extensive, professional
22 help and support can ensure that they provide no barrier to
23 achievement; through the dedicated efforts of its members, the
24 Academic Language Therapy Association is making a lasting, positive

1 difference in the lives of countless young people, and it is indeed
2 appropriate to recognize this noteworthy organization at this time;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 4, 2015, as Dyslexia
6 Awareness Day and honor the Academic Language Therapy Association
7 and Texas ALTA on this occasion.