

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The TEAM MARIO Superheroes 5K Run for Autism and
2 Buddy Fun Walk are being held in Edinburg on April 11, 2015, in
3 observance of National Autism Awareness Month; and

4 WHEREAS, The fastest growing developmental disability in the
5 United States, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is more common than
6 childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined;
7 the incidence rate of ASD, which includes autistic, Asperger's, and
8 childhood disintegrative disorders, has increased from 1 in 10,000
9 children 30 years ago to 1 in 68 today; though there is no cure,
10 research shows that early intervention and specialized therapies
11 can significantly improve quality of life for individuals with ASD;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, A nonprofit autism awareness organization, TEAM
14 MARIO takes its name from a young boy who was diagnosed with ASD
15 before his second birthday; inspired by the determination he has
16 shown in overcoming numerous challenges, his parents and therapists
17 founded the organization in order to give hope to other children and
18 families affected by ASD; TEAM MARIO advocates for the safety,
19 acceptance, and independence of individuals on the autism spectrum
20 and provides invaluable resources to help them reach their full
21 potential; and

22 WHEREAS, TEAM MARIO sponsors programs specifically for
23 children with ASD and for their families, while also working to
24 raise public awareness of the disorder through a variety of events

1 that the entire community can enjoy; in addition to its Superheroes
2 5K Run for Autism and Buddy Fun Walk, the organization is putting on
3 an Autism Awareness "Piece" Out Campaign in the community and local
4 schools during the month of April; and

5 WHEREAS, The TEAM MARIO Superheroes 5K Run for Autism and
6 Buddy Fun Walk provide area residents with an ideal opportunity to
7 raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder while supporting an
8 organization that provides invaluable support to many young Texans
9 and their families; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the Superheroes 5K Run for Autism
12 and Buddy Fun Walk in Edinburg and extend sincere best wishes to the
13 organizers and participants for a meaningful and memorable event;
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for TEAM MARIO as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1678

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1678 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House