

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Autism Society of Central Texas is celebrating  
2 its 25th anniversary in 2015; and

3           WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
4 estimates that 1 in 68 children in the United States has been  
5 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; autism is a neurological,  
6 developmental disorder that impacts speech, sensory processing,  
7 and social and emotional behavior; because the depth and severity  
8 of symptoms may vary, no two people with autism are alike, and early  
9 intervention and treatment are shown to greatly improve long-term  
10 outcomes for affected individuals; and

11           WHEREAS, A local affiliate of the Autism Society of America,  
12 the Autism Society of Central Texas is considered to be the oldest  
13 grassroots autism organization in the state; the group is dedicated  
14 to supporting and enhancing the quality of life for children and  
15 adults with autism and their families in a 24-county area, and  
16 support services provided by the organization include education and  
17 information, referrals, and recreational opportunities; and

18           WHEREAS, ASCT receives an average of 44 calls every month  
19 from families looking for help in navigating their treatment  
20 options; additional assistance is offered by the society's online  
21 resource guide, and it sponsors monthly get-togethers throughout  
22 Central Texas where clients can meet face-to-face to encourage one  
23 another and share stories and advice; and

24           WHEREAS, For the past quarter-century, the Autism Society of

1 Central Texas has been a vital source of support and hope for  
2 countless Texans, and this special milestone in its history  
3 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the life-changing role  
4 that it continues to play in the area's autism community; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby honor the Autism Society of Central Texas on the  
8 occasion of its 25th anniversary and extend to all those associated  
9 with the organization sincere best wishes for continued success  
10 with their important work; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the Autism Society of Central Texas as an expression of  
13 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Gonzales

H.R. No. 2036

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2036 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House