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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Atrial fibrillation is the most common type of
2 irregular heartbeat, according to the Centers for Disease Control
3 and Prevention; and

4 WHEREAS, Approximately 95 percent of atrial fibrillation is
5 nonvalvular, and nonvalvular AF affects an estimated 5.8 million
6 people in the United States; the risk of stroke is five times
7 greater for these individuals, and nonvalvular atrial fibrillation
8 is estimated to cost \$6.65 billion per year, primarily due to the
9 direct and indirect costs of hospitalization; and

10 WHEREAS, In both the United States and Texas, stroke was the
11 fourth leading cause of death as of 2012; it disproportionately
12 affects minorities, including African Americans, who are twice as
13 likely to die from stroke as Caucasians, and Hispanics, who have a
14 higher rate of hemorrhagic strokes at a younger age than
15 Caucasians; and

16 WHEREAS, Risk factors for atrial fibrillation include high
17 blood pressure, heart failure, diabetes, advanced age,
18 hyperthyroidism, and heart disease; in addition, many modifiable
19 lifestyle behaviors can lead to a stroke, among them physical
20 inactivity, tobacco use, poor diet, and heavy alcohol consumption;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Atrial fibrillation is an extremely serious health
23 issue, but outcomes can be improved with heightened awareness of
24 the condition and effective measures for treatment and prevention;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize the second week of May 2015 as Atrial
4 Fibrillation Week.