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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The first full week of February is observed as Burn
2 Awareness Week, a nationwide campaign to inform the public about
3 the risk and prevention of burn injury; and

4 WHEREAS, Fires and burns are one of the leading causes of
5 accidental death and morbidity in the United States; millions of
6 Americans are victims of some type of burn injury each year,
7 including tens of thousands that require serious medical care;
8 severe burns are considered by many to be the most painful and
9 traumatic type of injury, as these burns often require a long and
10 complex series of treatments, taking a devastating toll on a
11 patient's quality of life; and

12 WHEREAS, The risk of burn injury is greatest in the home, as
13 many common household activities and appliances carry the potential
14 for burns; children and aging adults are especially likely to
15 sustain scald injuries from hot liquids or foods, and burns can also
16 result from contact with electricity or corrosive chemicals; and

17 WHEREAS, Texas is home to a number of state-of-the-art burn
18 centers that are specifically equipped to meet the challenges
19 associated with burn treatment and rehabilitation; Shriners
20 Hospitals for Children, which operates a renowned burn institute in
21 Galveston, is dedicated to providing advanced burn care to children
22 in need regardless of their families' ability to pay, and the
23 organization additionally conducts vital research and prevention
24 efforts with the goal of lowering the incidence of burn injury and

1 enabling survivors to lead full, productive lives; and

2 WHEREAS, Safety education is key to reducing the threat of
3 burns, and Burn Awareness Week underscores the urgent need for all
4 Texans to learn more about the hazards of burns and how to act
5 appropriately to protect themselves and their loved ones; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 7 through 13, 2016, as Burn
9 Awareness Week in Texas, and that Shriners Hospitals for Children
10 and all other participating individuals and organizations be
11 commended for their continued support for this worthy endeavor.