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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Since the 1970s, April has been set aside as
3 National Autism Awareness Month in order to inform the public about
4 autism and issues within the autism community; and

5 WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorder and autism are general
6 terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development; they
7 are characterized by varying levels of difficulty in social
8 interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, and repetitive
9 behaviors; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the United States Centers for Disease
11 Control and Prevention, 1 in every 68 children is affected by
12 autism, compared with 1 in 150 a decade ago; the Autism Society
13 calculates that more than 3.5 million Americans of all ages live
14 with an autism spectrum disorder; and

15 WHEREAS, The cause of this disorder is unknown, but
16 behavioral intervention can dramatically improve outcomes; early
17 diagnosis and intervention are crucial to ensure effective
18 treatment that can help these valuable members of society use their
19 skills and talents to reach their full potential; now, therefore,
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby recognize April 2015 as Autism Awareness Month and encourage
23 all Texans to learn more about autism spectrum disorder.