SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 678

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize May of 2015 as Syringomyelia Awareness Month in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Syringomyelia is a chronic disorder of the spinal cord that occurs when cerebrospinal fluid enters the interior of the spinal cord and forms a cavity known as a syrinx; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 40,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed with Syringomyelia, and many endure chronic pain from the condition; some patients develop neuropathic pain syndromes that are difficult to treat; and

WHEREAS, Although the precise cause of the disorder remains unknown, scientists at research facilities throughout the nation continue to study the mechanisms that lead to the formation of syrinxes; and

WHEREAS, The American Syringomyelia and Chiari Alliance Project is a nonprofit organization that is leading the fight against Syringomyelia, and as more emphasis is placed on research, improved treatment techniques are expected to become available for those suffering from the debilitating condition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend all who are working to learn more about the causes of Syringomyelia and declare May of 2015 as Syringomyelia Awareness Month in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Syringomyelia Awareness Month.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate