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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Chapter of the Academic
2 Language Therapy Association are gathering at the State Capitol on
3 February 8, 2017, to commemorate Dyslexia Awareness Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Composed of licensed dyslexia therapists and
5 practitioners as well as parents and educators of students
6 identified with dyslexia, Texas ALTA is dedicated to the mission of
7 helping to provide high-quality services to students with dyslexia
8 and related disorders; and

9 WHEREAS, One in five students has a language-based
10 disability, and dyslexia is the most common of these disabilities;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, According to recent data collected by the Texas
13 Education Agency, dyslexia rates may be as high as 14 percent in
14 some Texas school districts; moreover, a 2000 study conducted at
15 The University of Texas Medical Branch in conjunction with the
16 Texas Department of Criminal Justice indicated a dyslexia
17 prevalence of 48 percent in the Texas prison population,
18 underscoring the vital importance of early intervention; and

19 WHEREAS, The Academic Language Therapy Association promotes
20 and supports the work of licensed language therapists and
21 practitioners to give individuals with dyslexia every opportunity
22 to fulfill their potential, and in so doing, it is making a positive
23 and lasting difference in the lives of many young Texans; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the Texas Chapter of the Academic Language
3 Therapy Association and recognize February 8, 2017, as Dyslexia
4 Awareness Day; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.