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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Mental Illness Awareness Day is being hosted at the  
2 State Capitol on February 8, 2017, by the Mental Illness Awareness  
3 Coalition in an effort to raise public consciousness of an issue  
4 impacting the lives of millions of Texans; and

5           WHEREAS, While it is estimated that one in every five  
6 Americans suffers from mental illness, a higher rate than that of  
7 cancer, diabetes, or heart disease, many conditions can be managed  
8 effectively with treatment, making it possible for patients to lead  
9 healthy and meaningful lives; and

10           WHEREAS, The State of Texas is home to organizations that are  
11 committed to improving services and support for persons with mental  
12 illness; among those organizations are the National Alliance on  
13 Mental Illness of Texas, Mental Health America of Texas, the  
14 Federation of Texas Psychiatry, and the Depression and Bipolar  
15 Support Alliance of Texas, which together form the Mental Illness  
16 Awareness Coalition; through education and advocacy, these groups  
17 endeavor to promote treatment and prevention, eliminate the stigma  
18 of mental illness, increase housing opportunities, and advance  
19 investment in mental health programs with the goal of maximizing  
20 outcomes for as many Texans as possible; and

21           WHEREAS, Mental health is fundamental to the overall health  
22 and well-being of all people, and Mental Illness Awareness Day  
23 provides an opportunity to bring attention to this vitally  
24 important matter and to the commendable efforts of those

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1 organizations and advocates who are working to ensure that all  
2 Texans are afforded the care they need; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 8, 2017, as Mental Illness  
5 Awareness Day at the State Capitol and encourage all Texans to learn  
6 more about mental health conditions, treatment, and prevention.