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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 12, 2017, is being set aside as Autism  
2 Awareness Day at the State Capitol as part of an ongoing effort to  
3 raise public consciousness of an issue impacting the lives of  
4 nearly half a million Texans; 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 House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby recognize April 12, 2017, as Autism Awareness  
23 Day at the State Capitol and encourage all Texans to learn more  
24 about autism spectrum disorder.