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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Texas Meningitis Awareness Day on
2 April 18, 2017, provides a fitting opportunity to heighten
3 awareness of this debilitating illness; and

4 WHEREAS, There are two types of meningitis: bacterial and
5 viral; bacterial meningitis is a serious, potentially deadly
6 disease that can progress very quickly; a person may die in a period
7 of only 8 to 24 hours after contracting the infection; and

8 WHEREAS, Bacterial meningitis is an inflammation of the
9 membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord; each year since
10 2012, 10 to 12 percent of individuals infected with the disease have
11 died; and

12 WHEREAS, The rate of the invasive disease among adolescents
13 and young adults is higher than those for most other age groups, and
14 several outbreaks have occurred on college campuses since 2009;
15 among those who survive meningococcal disease, 20 percent live with
16 severe health problems; and

17 WHEREAS, Adolescent vaccination reduces direct costs of the
18 disease and decreases productivity losses; moreover, vaccination
19 saves lives and prevents the health problems and disabilities--such
20 as amputation, brain damage, kidney failure, and epilepsy--caused
21 by the bacterium; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize April 18, 2017, as Texas Meningitis
24 Awareness Day and encourage all Texans to learn more about

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1 vaccination and this deadly disease.