

R E S O L U T I O N

1       WHEREAS, Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases are most  
2 frequently diagnosed in the spring and summer months, and Texans  
3 need to be aware of the dangers related to these debilitating and  
4 potentially fatal illnesses; and

5       WHEREAS, In addition to Lyme disease, which is the most  
6 prevalent, tick-transmitted illnesses include Rocky Mountain  
7 spotted fever, ehrlichiosis, bartonellosis, babesiosis, and  
8 tick-borne relapsing fever; in the State of Texas, the black-legged  
9 deer tick, the Lone Star tick, and the brown dog tick are all known  
10 carriers of these types of diseases; and

11       WHEREAS, If not properly diagnosed and treated soon after  
12 infection occurs, any of these illnesses can become substantially  
13 more difficult to treat and can lead to life-threatening  
14 complications; and

15       WHEREAS, Lyme disease is the fastest-growing infectious  
16 disease and the most common vector-borne illness in Texas, with  
17 cases having been reported in every public health region in the  
18 state; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
19 there are more than 300,000 cases of Lyme disease reported annually  
20 in the United States; such figures may not give the full picture,  
21 however, because Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses are  
22 thought to be underreported due to a limited awareness among the  
23 public and within medical circles of the serious nature of these  
24 easily contracted diseases; and

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1       WHEREAS, Greater public understanding is key to lessening the  
2   threat of these diseases in our state, and the observance of Lyme  
3   Disease Awareness Month in May will assist in promoting much-needed  
4   education on this important health issue; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6   Legislature hereby recognize May 2017 as Lyme Disease Awareness  
7   Month in the State of Texas and encourage residents to learn more  
8   about Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1545 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House