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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Healthy Texas Week, an annual initiative led by  
2 "It's Time Texas," encourages Texans to move more, eat better, and  
3 live well; and

4           WHEREAS, In the Lone Star State, two-thirds of adults and  
5 more than one-third of all children are considered overweight or  
6 obese, and the consequences of this public health crisis are  
7 troubling; being overweight increases a person's risk of heart  
8 disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and other severe medical  
9 conditions that affect quality of life and have substantial  
10 economic repercussions; and

11           WHEREAS, The direct health care costs of this serious  
12 problem, such as medicine and hospital stays, and the indirect  
13 costs, such as lost productivity and wages due to illness, are  
14 already estimated to exceed \$15 billion in Texas each year and  
15 continue to skyrocket; and

16           WHEREAS, During the first week of May, businesses are  
17 encouraged to promote their employees' health by supporting  
18 physical activity and wholesome food choices in the workplace;  
19 schools are called on to celebrate physical, nutritional, and  
20 emotional health in classrooms, and friends, families, and  
21 neighbors are invited to exercise together, volunteer with local  
22 health-based nonprofits or parks departments, and become  
23 health-minded consumers; and

24           WHEREAS, A cultural shift is needed to make good health the

1 norm in communities across the state, and Healthy Texas Week is  
2 helping spark conversation and action among citizens at home, work,  
3 and school; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize May 1-7, 2017, as Healthy Texas Week  
6 and encourage all residents of the Lone Star State to learn more  
7 about this important campaign.