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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lupus Foundation of America is observing
2 National Lupus Awareness Month in May 2017 to show support for the
3 estimated 1.5 million Americans who suffer from the effects of
4 lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Lupus can cause severe damage to the body's tissues
6 and organs, including skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain; the
7 disease can also cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks,
8 miscarriages, and organ failure, and in some cases it can lead to
9 death; and

10 WHEREAS, Research has shown that lupus is most prevalent
11 among women, African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native
12 Americans; because its symptoms are similar to those of other
13 illnesses, the disease can be difficult to diagnose; moreover,
14 research efforts related to lupus suffer from a lack of funding when
15 compared with disorders of similar magnitude and severity; and

16 WHEREAS, While there is presently no cure for lupus, it can be
17 effectively treated, enabling patients to lead active, healthy
18 lives; and

19 WHEREAS, Focusing public attention on lupus will enable those
20 affected to more quickly access treatment, and increased
21 understanding of the disease will help build support for further
22 research; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize May 2017 as Lupus Awareness Month and

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1 encourage Texans to join the Lone Star Chapter of the Lupus
2 Foundation of America in its efforts to share information about
3 this significant public health issue.