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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, More than three million Americans are estimated to
2 suffer from glaucoma, the leading cause of preventable blindness in
3 the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases characterized by
5 gradual damage to the optic nerve, which over time causes
6 irreversible vision loss; in the early stages of its most common
7 form, there are virtually no symptoms, and many sufferers are
8 unaware that they have the disease until significant and permanent
9 damage is done; and

10 WHEREAS, Although a cure has yet to be found, early detection
11 is crucial to slowing optic nerve damage and preserving eyesight in
12 patients with glaucoma; the need for greater awareness is
13 particularly acute in certain high-risk groups, including the
14 elderly, diabetics, and persons of African, Asian, and Hispanic
15 descent, who are encouraged to be proactive in protecting their eye
16 health by undergoing regular examinations; and

17 WHEREAS, Glaucoma can be treated and managed if detected in
18 time, and National Glaucoma Awareness Month in January provides an
19 important opportunity to promote education about this debilitating
20 disease; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize National Glaucoma Awareness Month in
23 January 2018 and urge Texans to learn more about glaucoma detection
24 and treatment.