H.R. No. 2166

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby recognize National Glaucoma Awareness Month in January 2020 and urge Texans to learn more about glaucoma detection and treatment.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2166 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House