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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Mental Illness Awareness Day is being hosted at the  
2 State Capitol on February 6, 2019, by the Mental Illness Awareness  
3 Coalition in an effort to raise public consciousness of an issue  
4 impacting the lives of millions of Texans; and

5           WHEREAS, While it is estimated that one in every five  
6 Americans suffers from mental illness, a higher rate than that of  
7 cancer, diabetes, or heart disease, many conditions can be managed  
8 effectively with treatment, making it possible for patients to lead  
9 healthy and meaningful lives; and

10           WHEREAS, The State of Texas is home to organizations that are  
11 committed to improving services and support for persons with mental  
12 illness; among those organizations are the National Alliance on  
13 Mental Illness of Texas and the Depression and Bipolar Support  
14 Alliance of Texas, which together form the Mental Illness Awareness  
15 Coalition; through education and advocacy, these groups endeavor to  
16 promote treatment and prevention, eliminate the stigma of mental  
17 illness, increase housing opportunities, and advance investment in  
18 mental health programs with the goal of maximizing outcomes for as  
19 many Texans as possible; and

20           WHEREAS, Mental health is fundamental to the overall health  
21 and well-being of all people, and Mental Illness Awareness Day  
22 provides an opportunity to bring attention to this vitally  
23 important matter and to the commendable efforts of those  
24 organizations and advocates who are working to ensure that all

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1 Texans have access to mental health services; now, therefore, be it  
2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize February 6, 2019, as Mental Illness  
4 Awareness Day at the State Capitol and encourage all Texans to learn  
5 more about mental health conditions and their treatment and  
6 prevention.