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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is being held at the State
2 Capitol on March 21, 2019, to promote awareness of the many ways
3 that we benefit by ensuring that persons with Down syndrome are
4 supported, encouraged, and included in our communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Down syndrome, the most commonly occurring
6 chromosomal condition, occurs in individuals who have a full or
7 partial extra copy of chromosome 21; one of every 700 babies born in
8 the United States each year is born with Down syndrome; and

9 WHEREAS, Medical advances have significantly increased the
10 life expectancy of people with Down syndrome, which is now
11 approaching that of peers without the condition; in addition to the
12 advantages of modern medicine, support groups and other resources
13 are now available in nearly every community in the United States;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, When provided with quality education programs, a
16 stimulating home environment, good health care, and support from
17 family and friends, people with Down syndrome can lead fulfilling
18 and productive lives; much progress has been made through the
19 vision and hard work of parents, researchers, medical
20 professionals, and other advocates, who have helped secure the
21 rights of people with Down syndrome to live at home, attend schools,
22 access appropriate health care, get married, find work, and
23 contribute to society; while research and early intervention have
24 dramatically improved the life span and quality of life of persons

1 with the condition, more work remains to be done to fully comprehend
2 the causes and to explore potential treatments; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly
4 declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day; this year, the State
5 of Texas is joining with almost 200 countries around the globe in
6 recognition of this special event, and all Texans are encouraged to
7 take part by helping to build a culture of greater respect and
8 inclusion for those living with Down syndrome; now, therefore, be
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 21, 2019, as World Down Syndrome
12 Day at the State Capitol and honor the accomplishments and
13 contributions made by men and women with Down syndrome.