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H.R. No. 1388

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Children and adolescents, like adults, can have  
2 mental health disorders that affect their ability to lead happy,  
3 active lives; and

4 WHEREAS, Studies show that one in every five children in the  
5 United States will need mental health care services during his or  
6 her lifetime; it is further estimated that more than 250,000 young  
7 Texans are in need of mental health assistance and live at or below  
8 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and

9 WHEREAS, Suicide is the second leading cause of death for  
10 Texans between the ages of 15 and 34, and over 12 percent of Texas  
11 high school students report that they have attempted suicide at  
12 least once; if left untreated, mental health issues can increase  
13 the risk of suicide, in addition to contributing to the likelihood  
14 of problems at school, family conflicts, and drug use; and

15 WHEREAS, Children and youth with mental, emotional, and  
16 behavioral health needs and their families can achieve a better  
17 quality of life when they are provided with appropriate resources,  
18 treatments, and support and when they are met with acceptance and  
19 understanding in their communities; the Texas System of Care was  
20 established with the vision of building a coordinated network of  
21 community-based services that can help young people function better  
22 at home, at school, and elsewhere in their lives; and

23 WHEREAS, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 6,  
24 2019, which coincides with National Mental Health Month, is

1 dedicated to highlighting the importance of positive mental health  
2 to the development of all children and youth; and

3 WHEREAS, Our communities share the responsibility of  
4 ensuring that young people have access to the services they need to  
5 feel safe, happy, and confident, and the observance of Children's  
6 Mental Health Awareness Day is an opportunity to affirm our  
7 commitment to addressing a public health issue with real  
8 implications for the future of our state; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize May 6, 2019, as Children's Mental  
11 Health Awareness Day and encourage Texans to learn more about the  
12 prevalence of mental health conditions in children and youth; and,  
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the Texas System of Care as an expression of high  
16 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.