

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 and diabetics, who are encouraged to be proactive in
15 protecting their eye health by undergoing regular examinations; and

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

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize National Glaucoma Awareness Month in
22 January 2020 and urge Texans to learn more about glaucoma detection
23 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.

Chief Clerk of the House