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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.