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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Type 1.5 diabetes, also known as latent autoimmune
- 2 diabetes, often receives less attention than other types of
- 3 diabetes, yet those affected by the disease face significant health
- 4 risks; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Like other forms of diabetes, type 1.5 is a chronic
- 6 disorder that impairs the body's ability to process blood sugar,
- 7 which can lead to severe complications without medical
- 8 intervention; type 1.5 is often considered to be a subgroup of type
- 9 1 diabetes and, like type 1, it occurs when the pancreas fails to
- 10 produce an adequate supply of insulin; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Type 1.5 diabetes is slow progressing, typically
- 12 developing over a period of a few months to several years; it
- 13 primarily affects adults above age 30, in contrast to type 1, which
- 14 usually first appears during childhood or adolescence; the pancreas
- 15 of a patient with type 1.5 will eventually lose the ability to
- 16 produce insulin entirely, requiring reliance on insulin
- 17 injections; and
- WHEREAS, Treatment of type 1.5 diabetes is often complicated
- 19 by misdiagnosis, with the disease frequently being mistaken for the
- 20 more common type 2 diabetes; this delays proper care and increases
- 21 the risk of long-term complications; medications and lifestyle
- 22 changes that are generally effective at treating type 2 do little to
- 23 help people with type 1.5, who often become dependent on insulin
- 24 therapy within five years of diagnosis; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Increasing public knowledge of type 1.5 diabetes can
- 2 help to ensure that more patients receive the timely care that they
- 3 need, and the observance of Type 1.5 Diabetes Awareness Day serves
- 4 to promote greater understanding of this serious condition; now,
- 5 therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 7 hereby designate November 5 as Type 1.5 Diabetes Awareness Day;
- 8 and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
- 10 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
- 11 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
- 12 passed by the legislature.