

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, April 2021 is Autism Awareness Month, and this  
2 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to promote education about  
3 autism and issues within the autism community; and

4           WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorder encompasses a range of  
5 health conditions that can cause social, communication, and  
6 behavioral challenges; people experience the disorder to varying  
7 degrees, and symptoms can include being nonverbal, engaging in  
8 atypical speech patterns and repetitive behaviors, and having  
9 significantly high or low levels of sensitivity to various sensory  
10 stimuli; ASD lasts throughout an individual's life, and early  
11 diagnosis can ensure that those affected receive the treatment and  
12 intervention services they need, such as speech therapy, social  
13 skills training, and assistive technology; and

14           WHEREAS, According to the United States Centers for Disease  
15 Control and Prevention, approximately 1 in every 54 children is  
16 affected by autism, compared with 1 in 125 in 2004; although the  
17 cause of the disorder is unknown, the CDC outlines numerous factors  
18 that increase the risk of a child having ASD, including genetic  
19 conditions, family history with autism, and certain medications  
20 taken during pregnancy; and

21           WHEREAS, More work remains to be done in understanding this  
22 complex health issue, in improving procedures for diagnosis, and in  
23 supporting individuals with autism, and the observance of Autism  
24 Awareness Month unites Texans in their commitment to these efforts;

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1 now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month  
4 and encourage all residents of the Lone Star State to learn more  
5 about autism spectrum disorder.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1335 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House