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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, September is Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month,  
2 and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to promote better  
3 understanding of this health issue and to foster increased support  
4 for targeted research; and

5           WHEREAS, "Pulmonary fibrosis" is a term used to describe more  
6 than 200 different diseases that involve scar tissue in the lungs;  
7 as the scarring destroys the normal lung tissue, it becomes more  
8 difficult for oxygen to enter the bloodstream, and this leads to  
9 symptoms such as shortness of breath, coughing, loss of appetite,  
10 and fatigue and weakness; and

11           WHEREAS, Multiple causes of the scarring have been  
12 identified, including some medications, radiation, environmental  
13 triggers, autoimmune diseases, and exposure to harmful inorganic  
14 dusts; in cases where a cause cannot be determined, patients are  
15 diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis; researchers estimate  
16 that, in the United States, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis affects 1  
17 out of every 200 adults over the age of 60, and as many as 40,000  
18 Americans die from the disease each year; and

19           WHEREAS, While there is not yet a cure for pulmonary  
20 fibrosis, a number of treatments are available to help alleviate  
21 symptoms and slow the progression of the disease; depending on each  
22 patient's unique experience with the condition, doctors may  
23 recommend medications, oxygen therapy, exercise, and in rare  
24 circumstances, lung transplantation; and

1           WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis is a serious and  
2 life-threatening disease, and the observance of Pulmonary Fibrosis  
3 Awareness Month unites people around the world in their commitment  
4 to support the search for a cure and improve the quality of life for  
5 patients; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize September 2021 as Pulmonary Fibrosis  
8 Awareness Month and urge all Texans to learn more about the disease.