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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of National Glaucoma Awareness Month
2 in January 2022 provides an important opportunity to promote
3 awareness of this leading cause of irreversible blindness; and

4 WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than three million people
5 in the U.S. suffer from glaucoma, a group of eye diseases
6 characterized by damage to the optic nerve; there are virtually no
7 symptoms associated with open-angle glaucoma, the most common form,
8 and approximately half of those who have any type of glaucoma do not
9 know that they have the disease; and

10 WHEREAS, While there is not yet a cure, early detection is
11 critical to slowing optic nerve damage and saving eyesight in
12 glaucoma patients; the need for greater awareness is especially
13 important in a number of high-risk groups, including senior
14 citizens, individuals with diabetes, and people with a family
15 history of glaucoma; individuals in these categories are encouraged
16 to receive comprehensive dilated eye exams to identify the disease
17 early and begin treatment; and

18 WHEREAS, Diagnosis is the first step in the fight against
19 glaucoma, and making eye care an essential part of a regular health
20 maintenance program is vital to protecting and preserving our
21 vision; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize National Glaucoma Awareness Month in
24 January 2022 and urge all residents of the Lone Star State to become

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1 informed about glaucoma detection and treatment.