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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, April is Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month, and 2 this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to promote better 3 understanding of this health issue; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive brain disorder that leads to shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with walking and talking; the disease can also be accompanied by mental and behavioral changes, such as sleep problems, depression, forgetfulness, and fatigue; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the Parkinson's Foundation, more than 10 50,000 Texans age 45 and older have the disease, and in El Paso, an 11 estimated 2,300 people are living with Parkinson's; it is second 12 only to Alzheimer's as the most common neurodegenerative disorder; 13 and

14 WHEREAS, Although more work remains to be done in identifying 15 the causes of the disease and developing a cure, a number of 16 treatments are available to help alleviate symptoms, including 17 medications, surgical procedures, and various therapies; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a serious and life-changing disorder, and the observance of Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month unites people around the world in their commitment to improve the quality of life for those fighting the disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
Legislature hereby recognize April 2021 as Parkinson's Disease

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H.R. No. 1973 1 Awareness Month and urge all Texans to learn more about the 2 disorder.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1973 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House