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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive brain disorder
5 that leads to shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with walking and
6 talking; the disease can also be accompanied by mental and
7 behavioral changes, such as sleep problems, depression,
8 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

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

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

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1 Awareness Month and urge all Texans to learn more about the
2 disorder.