

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 266

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day was observed in the Lone Star State on March 21, 2021, to promote awareness of the many ways that citizens benefit from ensuring that persons with Down syndrome are supported, encouraged, and included in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Down syndrome, the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition, happens in individuals who have a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21; one of every 700 babies born in the United States each year is born with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Medical advances have significantly increased the life expectancy of people with Down syndrome, and it is now approaching that of individuals without the condition; in addition to the advantages of modern medicine, support groups and other resources are now available in nearly every community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, When provided with quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care, and support from family and friends, people with Down syndrome can lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Much progress has been made through the vision and hard work of parents, researchers, medical professionals, and other advocates who have helped secure the rights of people with Down syndrome to live at home, attend school, gain access to appropriate health care, get married, find work, and contribute to society; and

WHEREAS, While research and early intervention have dramatically improved the life span and quality of life of

persons with Down syndrome, more work remains to be done to fully comprehend its causes and to explore potential treatments; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day; this year, the State of Texas joined with countries around the globe in recognition of this special event, and all Texans were encouraged to help build a culture of greater respect and inclusion for those living with Down syndrome; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commend all who recognized March 21, 2021, as World Down Syndrome Day in Texas and honor the men and women with Down syndrome for their many accomplishments and contributions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of those with Down syndrome.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 14, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate