R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, April 2023 is Autism Awareness Month, and this
2 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to promote education about
3 autism and issues within the autism community; and

4   WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorder encompasses a range of
5 health conditions that can cause social, communication, and
6 behavioral challenges; people experience the disorder to varying
7 degrees, and symptoms can include being nonverbal, engaging in
8 atypical speech patterns and repetitive behaviors, and having
9 significantly high or low levels of sensitivity to various sensory
10 stimuli; ASD lasts throughout an individual's life, and early
11 diagnosis can ensure that those affected receive the treatment and
12 intervention services they need, such as speech therapy, social
13 skills training, and assistive technology; and

14   WHEREAS, According to the United States Centers for Disease
15 Control and Prevention, approximately 1 in every 44 children is
16 affected by autism, compared with 1 in 125 in 2004; although the
17 cause of the disorder is unknown, the CDC outlines numerous factors
18 that increase the risk of a child having ASD, including genetic
19 conditions, family history with autism, and certain medications
20 taken during pregnancy; and

21   WHEREAS, More work remains to be done in understanding this
22 complex health issue, in improving procedures for diagnosis, and in
23 supporting individuals with autism, and the observance of Autism
24 Awareness Month unites Texans in their commitment to these efforts;

1   now, therefore, be it

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas

3   Legislature hereby recognize April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month

4   and encourage all residents of the Lone Star State to learn more

5   about autism spectrum disorder.

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Speaker of the House

    I certify that H.R. No. 279 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House