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H.R. No. 552

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Association for Behavior  
2 Analysis Public Policy Group are gathering in Austin on March 29,  
3 2023, to celebrate TxABA PPG Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Association for Behavior Analysis works to  
5 advance the science and application of applied behavior analysis,  
6 or ABA, a type of therapy that is considered an evidence-based best  
7 practice treatment by the U.S. Surgeon General and the American  
8 Psychological Association; and

9 WHEREAS, ABA is used to build a range of skills and reduce  
10 problematic behaviors in individuals with autism, intellectual and  
11 developmental disabilities, learning and communication  
12 difficulties, brain injuries, physical disabilities, and  
13 age-related infirmities, as well as in more typically developing  
14 children and adults; it has been shown to have significant benefits  
15 for clients in a variety of settings and to decrease the need for  
16 special services; and

17 WHEREAS, TxABA is a state chapter of the Association for  
18 Behavior Analysis International and an affiliate of the Association  
19 of Professional Behavior Analysts; the organization serves as an  
20 information resource for the general public, in addition to  
21 professional behavior analysts; and

22 WHEREAS, During the 85th Legislative Session in 2017, the  
23 Texas Legislature created licensure for board-certified behavior  
24 analysts and assistant behavior analysts; the discipline of ABA has

1 grown substantially, and behavior analysis is now a robust field  
2 with theoretical, experimental, and applied branches as well as  
3 distinct research methods, scientific journals, textbooks,  
4 scholarly and professional organizations, and university training  
5 programs; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of studies published in scientific  
7 journals have demonstrated the efficacy of many ABA procedures in  
8 both clinical and nonclinical populations; the practice of ABA is a  
9 distinct profession with well-established, widely recognized  
10 professional and paraprofessional practitioner standards and  
11 credentials; and

12 WHEREAS, Applied behavior analysts have excelled in their  
13 efforts to enhance the quality of life for their clients while  
14 promoting inclusion and acceptance, and the Texas Association for  
15 Behavior Analysis merits praise for advancing the practice of this  
16 important profession in our state; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby recognize March 29, 2023, as TxABA PPG Day at the  
19 State Capitol and extend to members of the Texas Association for  
20 Behavior Analysis sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and  
21 informative visit; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.