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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Amber Cervantes has worked tirelessly to raise
2 awareness about the neurodegenerative disorder known as
3 Huntington's disease, and her efforts are indeed deserving of
4 special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of El Paso and an educator in the Georgetown
6 Independent School District, Mrs. Cervantes became active in the
7 Huntington's disease community after her husband, Albert, was
8 diagnosed in 2018; at the time, Mr. Cervantes was a member of the
9 United States Air Force, and he ultimately served his nation for
10 more than 20 years before retiring; the disease is characterized by
11 such neurological symptoms as mood swings, depression,
12 forgetfulness, involuntary movements, and difficulties with speech
13 and swallowing, which become more severe over time; as the disease
14 progresses, sufferers gradually lose the ability to carry out daily
15 tasks on their own, leading to increasing reliance on family
16 members and caregivers; and

17 WHEREAS, The life-altering nature of Huntington's disease,
18 combined with the fact that it often manifests during a person's
19 prime working years, can be devastating for affected individuals
20 and their loved ones; hoping to make a difference for families like
21 her own, Mrs. Cervantes became involved in the Huntington's Disease
22 Society of America and has since lobbied for timely Medicare
23 assistance for those coping with a Huntington's disease diagnosis;
24 her advocacy efforts have included meeting with numerous

1 congressional offices and rallying support among lawmakers for the
2 Huntington's Disease Parity Act in 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cervantes has further contributed to the
4 Huntington's disease community by publishing a book, *The Invisible*
5 *Backpack: A Boy's Story About Huntington's*, in June 2025; she was
6 inspired to write the book to help her son understand the changes he
7 was seeing in his father and to help families facing similar
8 challenges; and

9 WHEREAS, Amber Cervantes has distinguished herself as a
10 committed champion for increased understanding of Huntington's
11 disease, and together with like-minded advocates, she is helping
12 pave the way toward a future with greater hope and improved quality
13 of life for those impacted by this disease; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor Amber Cervantes for
16 her work to raise awareness of Huntington's disease and extend to
17 her sincere best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors;
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mrs. Cervantes as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.