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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome Awareness Month is being observed in
2 October 2025 to promote better understanding of this developmental
3 disorder; and

4 WHEREAS, Every two hours, a child is born with Rett syndrome,
5 a rare postnatal genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost
6 exclusively in females; symptoms first appear in infants and
7 toddlers between the ages of 6 to 18 months, followed by a period of
8 regression when motor skills are gradually lost over time; and

9 WHEREAS, Individuals with Rett syndrome require assistance
10 with daily tasks throughout their lives; more than half of those
11 diagnosed with the condition lose their ability to walk, and many
12 suffer from impairments such as loss of speech, seizures,
13 scoliosis, and irregular breathing patterns; one of the most
14 distinctive signs of Rett syndrome is near constant repetitive hand
15 movements while awake; and

16 WHEREAS, Biomedical research suggests that neurological
17 symptoms may be reversed even decades after diagnosis; scientists
18 discovered the gene that causes Rett syndrome in 1999, and there
19 have since been several breakthroughs in developing a cure; the
20 first FDA-approved treatment launched in 2023; and

21 WHEREAS, The International Rett Syndrome Foundation is one of
22 the world's largest private sources of funds for Rett syndrome
23 research; the organization works to address the full spectrum of
24 the disorder while advocating for policies that enhance the quality

1 of life for patients and their families; and

2 WHEREAS, Rett syndrome is a serious and life-changing
3 condition, and Rett Syndrome Awareness Month serves as a means of
4 rallying support for vital research and resources that can help
5 improve the outlook for those living with the disorder; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize October 2025 as Rett Syndrome
9 Awareness Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about the
10 condition.