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H.R. No. 463

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Members of the San Antonio Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness are visiting the State Capitol on February 17, 2011, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to recognize this outstanding organization; and

WHEREAS, NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness; through the dedicated efforts of its volunteers, including members of local affiliates in more than 1,100 communities, NAMI focuses on support, public education, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1984, NAMI San Antonio serves individuals and their loved ones affected by severe and persistent mental illnesses, including schizophrenia, schizo-affective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression, and obsessive-compulsive/anxiety disorders; the organization promotes the well-being, comfort, and happiness of the mentally ill and strives to improve conditions generally for those with mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, NAMI San Antonio offers support groups for people living with mental illness and classes for family, friends, and caregivers; moreover, it fosters the development and enhancement of services and promotes research into treatment options; members endeavor to remove the stigma caused by inaccurate and hurtful representations of mental illness, and the organization provides the public with clear information about mental illnesses, mental health care, diagnosis, treatment, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Through their dedication and hard work, the members of San Antonio NAMI have made a positive difference in the lives of countless Texans, and they are most deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the San Antonio Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness be welcomed to the State Capitol and be commended for their efforts to promote equitable services and treatment for consumers and families living with mental illness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for NAMI San Antonio as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.