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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March is National Colon Cancer Awareness Month, and
2 this observance offers a fitting opportunity to honor the Lubbock
3 and South Plains Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force for its work in
4 educating the public about the lifesaving importance of early
5 detection and screening for colorectal cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the next 10 years, an estimated 1.5 million
7 American men and women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer,
8 and as many as 600,000 of them will die from the disease if
9 preventative measures are not effectively implemented; and

10 WHEREAS, Most colorectal cancers can be prevented by removing
11 precancerous polyps from the colon; because polyps and colon
12 cancers in their early stages typically produce no symptoms, it is
13 important to be proactive and take advantage of screenings and
14 early detection technology; and

15 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that all men
16 and women of normal health start preventative screenings for
17 colorectal cancer at the age of 50, and individuals with a family
18 history of colon polyps or cancer are advised to begin even sooner;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The Lubbock and South Plains Colon Cancer Prevention
21 Task Force has been leading the fight against colorectal cancer in
22 the region since 2001, and through its efforts, a growing number of
23 at-risk individuals have received screenings; in 2019, the task
24 force is placing a special year-long emphasis on rallying even

1 greater support for colon cancer awareness and prevention; this
2 initiative will help the area to meet the American Cancer Society's
3 call to increase colon screening rates to 85 percent of the target
4 age group by the year 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lubbock and South Plains Colon Cancer Prevention
6 Task Force is performing a vital public service by helping to ensure
7 that more cases of colorectal cancer are treated and cured as early
8 as possible, and the members of the organization are to be commended
9 for the dedication they are bringing to this crucial endeavor; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize the Lubbock and South Plains Colon
13 Cancer Prevention Task Force for its accomplishments in advancing
14 colorectal cancer prevention and awareness and extend to its
15 members sincere best wishes for continued success with their
16 important work; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the task force as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.