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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, According to estimates of the Texas Cancer Registry,
2 approximately 7,800 Texans between the ages of 15 and 39 will be
3 diagnosed with cancer in 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Although cancer treatments such as chemotherapy,
5 radiation, and surgery can effectively treat many types of cancer,
6 they carry the risk of directly or indirectly causing medically
7 induced infertility; and

8 WHEREAS, Infertility, more than merely a medical
9 complication, is a life-altering experience for patients of
10 reproductive age, and thus, every effort should be made to try to
11 preserve a patient's fertility; and

12 WHEREAS, After being diagnosed with cancer, patients often
13 have only a short window of time to obtain the resources necessary
14 to help protect fertility before beginning potentially sterilizing
15 cancer treatment, making it critical that they are informed of and
16 provided access to the options that are available; and

17 WHEREAS, Ensuring that cancer patients have access to
18 fertility preservation options before treatment has long been
19 considered the standard of care by relevant national medical
20 authorities, including the American Society for Reproductive
21 Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the
22 American Medical Association; and

23 WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate for individuals
24 diagnosed with cancer between the ages of 15 and 39 is over 85

1 percent; these patients are expected to live long, full lives, and
2 they deserve the same freedom of choice enjoyed by their peers; and

3 WHEREAS, On February 28, 2023, a group of patients, family
4 members, physicians, and patient advocates are meeting with
5 legislators to discuss important issues related to fertility
6 preservation for cancer patients, and these individuals are to be
7 commended for bringing attention to a cause of tremendous
8 importance to many Texans; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2023, as Texans
11 Protecting Parenthood After Cancer Legislative Advocacy Day,
12 extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting Austin to take part
13 in this event, and urge all Texans to learn more about the issue of
14 fertility preservation for cancer patients.