

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 325

WHEREAS, March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and Lynch Syndrome Awareness Day is taking place on March 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 12,220 Texans and 153,000 Americans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer this year, and 4,300 Texans and 52,000 Americans will die from the disease; most colorectal cancers can be prevented by removing precancerous polyps from the colon; however, polyps do not typically produce symptoms during their early stages, so it is important to be proactive and take advantage of screenings and early detection technology; according to the American Cancer Society, all men and women should start preventative screenings for colorectal cancer at the age of 45, and at-risk individuals are advised to begin screenings even sooner; and

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome is an inherited disease that leads to a higher risk of developing certain types of cancer, including colorectal, endometrial, gastric, ovarian, small bowel, pancreatic, prostate, urinary tract, kidney, bile duct, and brain cancers; hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer is the most common type affecting Lynch syndrome patients; an estimated 1 in every 300 individuals is a carrier of a genetic alteration associated with Lynch syndrome, and those who have a first-degree relative with the disease have a 50 percent chance of inheriting it; because patients with Lynch syndrome are more likely to receive a cancer diagnosis at a young age, it is vital that families know their medical history to ensure early intervention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, For more than two decades, the South Plains Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force has played an instrumental role in expanding access to colorectal screenings in West Texas as well as across the state; the members of the group have worked tirelessly to raise awareness about colorectal cancer and Lynch syndrome and support individuals and families who have been affected by these diseases; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and Lynch Syndrome Awareness Day serve to educate Texans about the actions they can take to reduce the risks associated with the diseases, and those who are taking part in this worthwhile endeavor are indeed deserving of recognition for their efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend all those who are working to raise awareness about colorectal cancer and Lynch syndrome and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate