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R E S O L U T I O N

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

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 12,220 Texans and 153,000  
4 Americans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer this year, and  
5 4,300 Texans and 52,000 Americans will die from the disease; most  
6 colorectal cancers can be prevented by removing precancerous polyps  
7 from the colon; however, polyps do not typically produce symptoms  
8 during their early stages, so it is important to be proactive and  
9 take advantage of screenings and early detection technology;  
10 according to the American Cancer Society, all men and women should  
11 start preventative screenings for colorectal cancer at the age of  
12 45, and at-risk individuals are advised to begin screenings even  
13 sooner; and

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

1 their medical history to ensure early intervention and treatment;  
2 and

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

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

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