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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes great pride
2 in joining the battle against cancer by recognizing October 2003 as
3 Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

4 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer
5 found in women today; in 2003 alone, an estimated 13,700 Texas women
6 will be diagnosed with the disease and 2,600 women will die from it;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The state's health and education professionals are
9 seeking to heighten women's awareness of the importance of having a
10 baseline mammogram and breast exam as an important first step in the
11 breast cancer screening process; furthermore, continued adherence
12 to recommended screening guidelines could significantly reduce the
13 mortality rate among breast cancer sufferers by at least 30
14 percent; and

15 WHEREAS, Since more than 75 percent of all breast cancers are
16 found in women 50 years of age and older, women are encouraged to
17 have a yearly mammogram and breast exam beginning at age 40, as well
18 as to conduct their own self-examinations on a regular basis; and

19 WHEREAS, Early detection is the key to surviving breast
20 cancer, and equipping the public with the information and means to
21 achieve this goal is truly a worthy endeavor; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
23 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize October 2003 as
24 Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Texas.