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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year, family violence takes the lives of more
2 than 100 women in our state and forces tens of thousands of children
3 and adults to flee from abusive homes; nearly three-quarters of all
4 Texans have experienced, or know at least one friend or relative who
5 has experienced, some form of domestic violence; even more
6 shockingly, 31 percent of Texans have been severely abused, either
7 physically or sexually, at some point during their lives; and

8 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is honored to
9 join with the Texas Council on Family Violence in recognizing
10 October 2003 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an initiative of
11 national scope that pays tribute to the lives of women who have been
12 murdered by partners, husbands, or ex-partners; this endeavor has
13 helped many citizens to better recognize the signs of domestic
14 abuse, one of the most pervasive and underreported crimes in the
15 Lone Star State, and to help those in danger to find shelter; and

16 WHEREAS, Family violence threatens the very fabric of
17 society, continuing a cycle of violent crime that affects every
18 member of the community; in recent decades our state has made great
19 strides in recognizing, preventing, and prosecuting incidents of
20 domestic violence, but future progress can be ensured only through
21 the continued efforts of the many courageous citizens who have
22 committed their time and resources toward making Texas a safer
23 place for all its residents; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

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1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize October 2003 as
2 Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encourage all citizens of the
3 Lone Star State to learn how to recognize and prevent domestic
4 violence in their local communities.