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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer, the fourth most common cause of
2 fatal cancer in the United States, is one of the most serious
3 threats to women's health across our state and nation; and

4 WHEREAS, This dire disease causes more deaths than any other
5 cancer of the female reproductive system; ovarian cancer is
6 treatable, but only when it is detected before spreading beyond the
7 ovaries, and at this stage the five-year survival rate can be almost
8 93 percent; and

9 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, there is no current screening test
10 for the early detection of ovarian cancer; therefore, increased
11 public awareness about the disease, its risk factors, and its
12 subtle symptoms is important for saving lives; and

13 WHEREAS, It is of paramount importance that women and their
14 doctors learn to recognize the warning signs, which are often the
15 only early indication of illness; increased awareness of the
16 symptoms and risk factors will greatly enhance chances of early
17 detection and survival; and

18 WHEREAS, Inspired by and in memory of Carolyn Mierl, Donna
19 Rossi, and Linda Manning, three mothers who lost their battles with
20 the disease, the Central Texas, Dallas/Fort Worth, and Houston
21 divisions of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition are promoting
22 ovarian cancer awareness activities during the month of September
23 2003 and are encouraging every woman in Texas to become
24 knowledgeable about the symptoms and risk factors of the disease;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Increased ovarian cancer research will undoubtedly
3 help to develop reliable diagnostics, improved therapies, and
4 prevention strategies, thereby offering women the opportunity to
5 better fight and overcome this deadliest of all gynecological
6 cancers; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize September 2003 as Ovarian Cancer
9 Awareness Month in the State of Texas and encourage Texans to seek
10 out information about this serious health concern.