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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than a decade, the Greater East Texas
2 Chapter of the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer
3 (NBLIC) has provided a great service to the African-American
4 community in East Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, NBLIC was formed in 1991 by two nurses who wished to
6 address the disproportionate burden of cancer death in the local
7 black community; for the past 12 years, this group of volunteers has
8 aimed to positively influence the knowledge, attitudes, and
9 behaviors of African Americans about cancer, ultimately closing the
10 racial gap in the fight against this devastating disease; and

11 WHEREAS, A community outreach service, NBLIC offers an array
12 of valuable programs that provide education on all types of cancer,
13 recommend strategies to health care providers for reaching the
14 underserved, and inform the public of the importance of healthy
15 lifestyle choices; intervention also plays an integral role, with
16 free mammograms and other valuable preventative tests made
17 available to persons in Smith, Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Cherokee,
18 Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, Henderson, Rusk, Marion, and Camp
19 counties; and

20 WHEREAS, NBLIC is addressing a critical social need by
21 offering essential assessment, outreach, and intervention
22 services, and the volunteers who commit their time to this worthy
23 cause are truly doing invaluable work; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby recognize May 1, 2003, as Black Leadership
2 Initiative on Cancer Day in Texas and commend the Greater East Texas
3 Chapter of NBLIC for its service to the people of East Texas; and,
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.