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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.