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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.9 million Texans have been the
3 victims of sexual assault, and the rate at which this crime is
4 committed in Texas is growing; and

5 WHEREAS, Many Texans have dedicated their lives to ending
6 sexual violence in this state; their work ranges from offering
7 assistance to victims and support to survivors to educating the
8 public about prevention and striving to raise public awareness of
9 this crime, its effects, and the importance of its eradication; and

10 WHEREAS, Each year, the month of April provides an
11 opportunity for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and
12 rape crisis centers across the state to renew their commitment to
13 prevention and healing; during this period, educational efforts are
14 intensified in order to inform Texans about the sexual assault
15 services available in their area; and

16 WHEREAS, The goal of the Texas Association Against Sexual
17 Assault is to ensure that Texas is responsive to the victims of
18 sexual abuse and assault and that the state is committed to ending
19 sexual violence; the theme for this year, "Texas: A No Rape State,"
20 reflects the ideal of a state that is intolerant of sexual violence
21 in any form; the theme promotes a proactive approach toward ending
22 sexual assault by educating and mobilizing Texans on every front;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, The safety of Texans tomorrow depends on our

1 vigilance against sexual assault today, and the efforts of all
2 those working to eliminate this crime in the Lone Star State are to
3 be heartily commended; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby designate April of 2003 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month
6 and encourage all Texans to learn how they can prevent sexual
7 assault and all other forms of violence in communities across this
8 great state.