

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 423

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize June, 2003, as Menopause Awareness Month in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Women comprise more than half of the population of Texas, and every woman will experience menopause; and

WHEREAS, Menopause causes changes in a woman's body that can affect her ability to function effectively and comfortably; the changes in hormones prior to and during menopause can be truly debilitating and impair social interactions that affect a woman and her family; and

WHEREAS, The long-term health risks associated with menopause are substantial; they include osteoporosis, heart disease, and other health problems; indeed, more than 50 percent of all women over age 50 will suffer an osteoporotic fracture or die from cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, Many women do not have access to health care professionals to help them evaluate the extensive and often complex literature about menopause and their health; nor do many women learn about the variety of treatment options available to them as they enter this medically critical stage of their lives; and

WHEREAS, This special month is an important public awareness campaign through which women in our state can learn to deal with the impact of menopause on their lives and assess the treatment options for menopausal symptoms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby support all efforts to provide women the vital information and assistance to live healthy lives during menopause and encourage all Texans to recognize June as Menopause Awareness Month in Texas.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate