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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of
2 cancer death for men and women in the United States, and the efforts
3 of the Lubbock and South Plains Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force
4 to bring attention to this serious health issue are truly
5 commendable; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2011, the most recent year for which data is
7 available, more than 135,000 Americans were diagnosed with
8 colorectal cancer, and over 51,000 lives were claimed by the
9 disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Proper screening and early detection and treatment
11 are vitally important in averting illness and death from this type
12 of cancer; statistics show that patients who receive treatment for
13 colon cancer in its early stages have a survival rate greater than
14 90 percent; and

15 WHEREAS, Since the vast majority of colorectal cancers are
16 diagnosed in people over 50 years of age, it is critical to increase
17 public awareness among older individuals of the lifesaving benefits
18 of colon screening; and

19 WHEREAS, In the past 15 years, the Colorectal Cancer
20 Prevention and Awareness Campaign sponsored by the Lubbock and
21 South Plains Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force has made
22 significant strides in promoting timely screening and treatment for
23 this deadly disease; and

24 WHEREAS, The dedicated work of the task force has played an

1 essential role in the fight against colorectal cancer, and the
2 organization is indeed deserving of recognition for the assistance
3 it has provided to area residents; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend the Lubbock and South Plains Colon
6 Cancer Prevention Task Force for its Colorectal Cancer Prevention
7 and Awareness Campaign and encourage all citizens to be mindful of
8 the steps they can take to protect their health; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the task force as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.