SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 323

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize 2015 as Colorectal Cancer Prevention Year in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is one of the more common forms of the illness, and it is the second-leading cause of cancer death in Texas and across the nation; over the next 10 years, an estimated 1.5 million men and women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and up to 600,000 will die if preventive measures are not taken; and

WHEREAS, Proper screening, along with early detection and treatment, can prevent the vast majority of deaths from the illness; studies show that the removal of polyps can stop colon cancer from occurring and that those who receive early enough diagnosis and treatment achieve a survival rate of better than 90 percent; and

WHEREAS, Nine out of 10 cases of colorectal cancer occur in patients 50 or older, and the American Cancer Society recommends that everyone begin preventive screening at that age; numerous organizations and agencies across the state have done exceptional work in raising awareness of this needed procedure, notably the Lubbock and South Plains Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Timely measures can prevent the overwhelming majority of colorectal cancer cases, and it is truly fitting that a year be designated to raise awareness of the need for early detection and treatment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the Lubbock and South Plains Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force and other organizations for their exemplary work in raising awareness of the need for early screening and call on Texans across the state to observe 2015 as Colorectal Cancer Prevention Year in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate