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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Across the nation, January 2017 is being observed as
2 Cervical Health Awareness Month, providing a fitting opportunity to
3 raise awareness about cervical cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year, cervical cancer claims the lives of about
5 4,000 women in America, and approximately 12,000 are diagnosed
6 annually with the disease; while all women are at risk for cervical
7 cancer, it occurs most often among women over the age of 30, and it
8 is more prevalent among Hispanic and African American women; and

9 WHEREAS, Having once been one of the most deadly forms of
10 cancer for women, cervical cancer today is considered highly
11 treatable with early detection; regular screening tests that can
12 help identify abnormal cells in the cervix have led to a significant
13 decrease in the cervical cancer death rate; the disease can also be
14 prevented through the use of vaccinations against human
15 papillomavirus, a common infection and a leading cause of cervical
16 cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, support, and advocacy
18 are key to improving the detection and treatment of cervical cancer
19 and the survival rates of women impacted by the disease, and the
20 monthlong observance in January is an opportunity for Texans to
21 affirm their commitment to these important efforts; now, therefore,
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize January 2017 as Cervical Health

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1 Awareness Month and commend all those who are involved in the fight
2 to end cervical cancer.