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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Screen at 23 is a nationwide public awareness
2 campaign aimed at reducing disparities in the detection, treatment,
3 and prevention of diabetes in the Asian American community; and

4 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death among
5 Asian Americans, who are over 30 percent more likely to develop
6 diabetes than white Americans; more than half of Asian Americans
7 with type 2 diabetes are undiagnosed, and an even higher number have
8 yet to be diagnosed as prediabetic; despite this, Asian Americans
9 are significantly less likely than other racial and ethnic groups
10 to be screened for the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association, the National
12 Institutes of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control have all
13 recently amended their guidelines to recommend diabetes screening
14 for Asian Americans with a body mass index of 23, a number that was
15 previously considered to be within a normal or healthy weight
16 range; screening patients who have a BMI of 23 or higher, along with
17 one or more of the prevalent risk factors, has the potential to lead
18 to hundreds of thousands of Asian Americans receiving a timely
19 diagnosis, undergoing treatment, and preventing the further
20 progression of prediabetes; and

21 WHEREAS, The Screen at 23 campaign is coordinated by the
22 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Diabetes
23 Coalition, with the support of over 40 national and regional health
24 organizations; while much more remains to be done, advocates have

1 made great strides in calling attention to this issue, and several
2 state governments have formally recognized the need to adjust
3 diabetes screening guidelines for Asian Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, Early detection of diabetes and prediabetes can help
5 Asian Americans to live longer, healthier lives, and the
6 organizations that are spreading the message of Screen at 23 are to
7 be commended for their efforts to advance this important cause;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend the Screen at 23 campaign and extend to
11 all those affiliated with the initiative sincere best wishes for
12 continued success with their vital work; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the Screen at 23 campaign as an expression of high
15 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.