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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Prevention Awareness Month is
2 being observed in March 2023 to highlight the lifesaving importance
3 of screening and early detection for colorectal cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of
5 cancer deaths overall; the American Cancer Society estimates that
6 more than 153,000 Americans will be diagnosed with colorectal
7 cancer and over 52,000 Americans will lose their lives to the
8 disease in 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, The chance of developing colorectal cancer
10 increases with age, with nearly 90 percent of new cases diagnosed in
11 adults 50 years of age or older; people are also at higher risk of
12 getting the disease if they have an inherited disorder such as Lynch
13 syndrome, type 2 diabetes, a family history of colorectal cancer or
14 adenomatous polyps, or a personal history of certain conditions
15 such as ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Screening can prevent colon cancer by detecting
17 precancerous polyps before they turn into cancer; it can also help
18 gastroenterologists detect cancer early, when it is in a more
19 treatable stage; in addition to preventative screenings, people can
20 adopt certain lifestyle practices, which include maintaining a
21 healthy weight, being physically active, and avoiding alcohol and
22 smoking, that have been shown to help protect against this disease;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Among the organizations working to improve the care

1 of patients with colorectal cancer in this state is the Texas
2 Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy, a statewide
3 professional association that advocated for the passage of a 2021
4 State Senate bill to provide coverage for colorectal cancer
5 screenings; and

6 WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Prevention Awareness Month serves
7 to educate Texans about the actions they can take to reduce the
8 risks associated with colorectal cancer, and those who are taking
9 part in this worthwhile endeavor are to be commended for their
10 efforts; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer
13 Prevention Awareness Month and honor the Texas Society for
14 Gastroenterology and Endoscopy for helping to advance the goals of
15 this lifesaving campaign; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.