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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Endometriosis is a common yet serious gynecological condition that is estimated to affect approximately 1 in 10 women of reproductive age worldwide; and

WHEREAS, This chronic disease occurs when the endometrium, a type of tissue that lines the inside of the uterus, grows in other parts of the body; symptoms may include severe pain and discomfort, swelling, bleeding, and digestive problems; in addition, 40 percent of women living with endometriosis have some form of infertility, and patients are at greater risk for cancer as well as autoimmune, allergic, and heart diseases; the economic burden of these symptoms is substantial, with annual direct medical costs and productivity losses estimated to be in excess of $10,000 per patient; and

WHEREAS, Despite its prevalence, endometriosis is often misidentified; on average, patients experience a delay of 7 to 10 years before receiving an accurate diagnosis, and people of color have historically faced additional barriers to attaining a proper diagnosis and care; while there is currently no cure for the disease, treatments are available to alleviate symptoms; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, the Endometriosis Association established Endometriosis Awareness Month, which takes place in March; the annual observance unites people around the world in their commitment to improving outcomes for individuals with the disease, and it spotlights the outstanding doctors, researchers, and other medical professionals who have contributed to this important goal;

and

WHEREAS, Increased public knowledge can play an important role in benefiting those affected by endometriosis, and Texans are encouraged to find out more about this debilitating and life-changing disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 90th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate March as Endometriosis Awareness Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.