

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.9 million Texans have been the
2 victim of sexual assault, and the rate at which this crime is
3 committed in Texas is growing; and

4 WHEREAS, Many Texans have dedicated their lives to ending
5 sexual violence in this state; their work ranges from offering
6 assistance to victims and advocating for survivors to educating
7 about prevention and striving to raise public awareness of this
8 crime, its effects, and the importance of its eradication; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, the month of April provides an
10 opportunity for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
11 (TAASA) and rape crisis centers across the state to renew their
12 commitment to prevention and healing; during this period,
13 educational efforts are intensified in order to inform Texans about
14 the sexual assault services available in their area; and

15 WHEREAS, TAASA's goal is to ensure that Texas is responsive
16 to the victims of sexual abuse and assault and that the state is
17 committed to ending sexual violence; the theme for this year,
18 Texas: A No Rape State, reflects the ideal of a state that is
19 intolerant of sexual violence in any form; the theme promotes a
20 proactive approach toward ending sexual assault by educating and
21 mobilizing Texans on every front; and

22 WHEREAS, The safety of Texans tomorrow depends on our
23 vigilance against sexual assault today, and the efforts of all
24 those working to eliminate this crime in the Lone Star State are to

1 be heartily commended; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby designate April 2003 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in
4 Texas and encourage all Texans to learn how they can prevent sexual
5 assault and all other forms of violence in communities across this
6 great state.

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David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Tom Coburn

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 203 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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I certify that H.C.R. No. 203 was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Letsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

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