

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, National Minority Cancer Awareness Week, to be held
2 April 20-26, 2003, highlights the special challenges faced by
3 cancer patients who are members of minority and medically
4 underserved population groups; and

5 WHEREAS, Cancer affects the minority population in this
6 country very differently than it does Anglo-Americans;
7 African-American cancer patients are 30 percent more likely to die
8 of cancer than their Anglo counterparts, and among African-American
9 men, both the incidence and death rate from prostate cancer is
10 double that found in Anglo men; Hispanic women face similarly
11 disproportionate cancer rates and are twice as likely to contract
12 cervical cancer as non-Hispanic white women; the incidence of
13 cervical cancer among Vietnamese women is nearly five times as
14 great as that of Anglo-American women; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of medically underserved population groups
16 include people who live in rural areas, people who face physical
17 barriers that prevent them from having access to services, and the
18 poor; it is estimated that the cancer survival rates of poor
19 individuals are 10 percent to 15 percent lower than for other
20 Americans; and

21 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of cancer helps citizens
22 across the nation to learn about the importance of prevention and
23 early detection, but far more remains to be done; it is in the
24 continuing interest of all Texans to support efforts that promote

1 education, awareness, and understanding of this prevalent disease;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby recognize the week of April 20-26, 2003, as Minority Cancer
5 Awareness Week in Texas and encourage citizens of the Lone Star
6 State to take all necessary steps to protect their health.

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Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Bailey	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Baxter	Grusendorf	Morrison
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Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
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Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Raymond
Chisum	Homer	Reyna
Christian	Hope	Riddle
Coleman	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Rodriguez
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rose
Corte	Hunter	Seaman
Crabb	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
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Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Delisi	Keel	Stick
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Elkins	Luna	Villarreal
Ellis	Mabry	West
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Flynn	McCall	Wolens
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 205 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 205 was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Datsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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