

A RESOLUTION honoring the Colon Cancer Prevention Project on the celebration of its ten year anniversary.

WHEREAS, Dr. Whitney Jones, a Louisville gastroenterologist, started the Colon Cancer Prevention Project in 2004 after diagnosing several patients with colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, for ten years the project has worked to end preventable colon cancer death and suffering in Kentucky by increasing effective screenings; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, the incidence of colon cancer has declined by 25 percent and the number of deaths from colon cancer has declined by 28 percent; and

WHEREAS, colon cancer continues to be responsible for more than 2,600 deaths each year and is the leading cause of death for non-smoking men and women in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones and the Colon Cancer Prevention Project have saved numerous lives in Kentucky through advocacy, education, health system improvement, and survivor support; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly and citizens of Kentucky are immensely grateful for the dedicated efforts and commitment of the Colon Cancer Prevention Project;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors the exceptional work of the Colon Cancer Prevention Project in saving lives in Kentucky on its ten year anniversary and encourages continued support for efforts to eliminate deaths from colon cancer.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Ralph Alvarado for delivery.