

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Colon Cancer Prevention Project on the celebration
2 of its 20-year anniversary and designating March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness
3 Month in Kentucky.

4 WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Prevention Project is celebrating 20 years of
5 prevention in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Whitney Jones, a Louisville gastroenterologist, started the Colon
7 Cancer Prevention Project in 2003 after diagnosing several patients with colorectal
8 cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, for 20 years the project has worked to end preventable colorectal
10 cancer death and suffering in Kentucky by increasing effective screenings; and

11 WHEREAS, each year 650 fewer Kentuckians are diagnosed with colorectal cancer
12 and 275 fewer Kentuckians die from colorectal cancer; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer related
20 deaths in men and women in Kentucky, and Kentucky currently ranks among the highest
21 in the nation in colorectal cancer mortality; and

22 WHEREAS, by 2030, colorectal cancer is projected to be the leading cause of
23 cancer deaths in 20 to 49 year olds; and

24 WHEREAS, Kentucky continues to have the highest incidence of colorectal cancer
25 in the United States; and

26 WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is observed in March to highlight
27 the importance of screening for colorectal cancer, as well as to promote healthy lifestyle

1 habits that can decrease a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
4 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors Dr. Whitney Jones and
6 the exceptional work of the Colon Cancer Prevention Project in saving lives in Kentucky
7 on its 20-year anniversary and encourages continued support for efforts to eliminate
8 deaths from colorectal cancer.

9 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives hereby designates March 2023 as
10 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Kentucky.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
12 copy of this Resolution to Representative Amy Neighbors.