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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THAT CERVICAL CANCER IS THE SECOND  
10 MOST COMMON CANCER IN WOMEN WORLDWIDE AFTER  
11 BREAST CANCER; AND TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES  
12 THAT TREAT WOMEN TO EDUCATE THEM ON THE  
13 IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR CERVICAL CANCER SCREENINGS.  
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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO RECOGNIZE THAT CERVICAL CANCER IS THE  
17 SECOND MOST COMMON CANCER IN WOMEN  
18 WORLDWIDE AFTER BREAST CANCER.  
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21 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women  
22 worldwide after breast cancer; and  
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24 WHEREAS, according to United States cervical cancer statistics,  
25 cervical cancer is the third most common gynecological cancer among American  
26 women, with approximately twelve thousand two hundred (12,200) new cases  
27 diagnosed annually and approximately four thousand one hundred (4,100) of  
28 those cases result in fatalities; and  
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30 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is highly preventable, with regular and  
31 accurate screenings; and  
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33 WHEREAS, widespread screening programs have helped reduce death rates  
34 from cervical cancer, but women are still dying; and  
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36 WHEREAS, cervical cancer cases in the United States are generally



1 attributed to lack of education, lack of access to regular cervical cancer  
2 screenings, and lack of screening accuracy; and

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4 WHEREAS, experience shows that increasing cervical cancer awareness  
5 among women, especially underserved women, significantly reduces the  
6 probability of mortality; and

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8 WHEREAS, new screening technologies, including testing approved by the  
9 United States Food and Drug Administration for the human papilloma virus  
10 which is the cause of virtually all cervical cancers, offer new opportunities  
11 to finally eliminate this potentially deadly disease through early  
12 identification of women at increased risk; and

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14 WHEREAS, leading medical organizations, including the American College  
15 of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Cancer Society, and the  
16 Association of Reproductive Health Professionals have recently updated their  
17 screening guidelines to include testing approved by the United States Food  
18 and Drug Administration for the human papilloma virus; and

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20 WHEREAS, women are entitled to proper cervical cancer information so  
21 that they can be empowered to make informed health care decisions and have  
22 access to routine screening, including the most accurate methods available,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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28 THAT the General Assembly recognizes the severity of the issue of  
29 cervical cancer.

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly encourages the  
32 Department of Health and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to  
33 develop and promulgate literature and other information that is designed to  
34 educate women who are at increased risk for cervical cancer to seek cervical  
35 cancer screenings and to successfully treat cervical cancer after it  
36 develops.