

Committee: Retirement & Aging

RESOLUTION

Breast Cancer Screening for Senior Women

A RESOLUTION TO: Inform senior women of the advantages of breast cancer screening.

WHEREAS, Medical Professionals recognize the need for accurate guidelines for breast cancer screening for women and recognize the National Cancer Institute as the lead Federal agency for research on the causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer; and its guidelines are considered as providing reliable scientific and medical advice; and

WHEREAS, It has been proven that intervention with routine screening for breast cancer through mammography or other scientifically-approved methods can save women's lives, recognizing that at this time medical science is unable to prevent this disease even though there has been a dramatic change in technology during the 30year period since the initiation of breast cancer screening; and

WHEREAS, even though existing clinical trial data appear to be inadequate to provide a definite answer to the efficacy of early detection as evidenced by statements from the American Cancer Society and other national medical organizations and health and consumer groups; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED That, the 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 79th Texas Legislature pass a bill urging (1) the National Cancer Institute to adequately design and conduct studies to determine the benefit of screening senior women through mammography and other emerging technologies; (2) further, to request the National Cancer Institute issue a statement of scientific fact on the merits of breast cancer screening for senior women, and (3) and then, lastly, that the National Cancer Institute reissue guidelines for mammography examination of senior women or direct the public to consider guidelines issued by other organizations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this____day of September, 2004, by

the _____Committee,

Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this____day of September, 2004, by

by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, Secretary