

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4615, by Representative Pettigrew

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recently lost a dear friend  
2 and colleague, Representative Roger Freeman, to colorectal cancer,  
3 and wish to honor him; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer  
5 death in the United States, despite being highly treatable with early  
6 detection; and

7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that this year more than 132,000  
8 individuals will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more than  
9 49,000 individuals will die from the disease; and

10 WHEREAS, 1 in 3 adults between the ages of 50 and 75 are not up-  
11 to-date with recommended colorectal cancer screening, which can  
12 detect colorectal cancer early when treatment is most effective; and

13 WHEREAS, All men and women are at risk of colorectal cancer,  
14 especially those with a personal or family history of colorectal  
15 cancer or precancerous polyps, who should talk to their health care  
16 provider about starting screening earlier than age 50; and

17 WHEREAS, The Washington CARES About Cancer Partnership has  
18 initiated a year-round campaign for colorectal cancer awareness to  
19 help Washington reach the goal of 80 percent of age-eligible  
20 Washingtonians being regularly screened by 2018; and

21 WHEREAS, Designating March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month  
22 has the goal of increasing awareness and understanding of the

1 importance and effectiveness of screening by all Washingtonians,  
2 regardless of age, income, and insurance status; and

3 WHEREAS, Governor Inslee proclaimed March 2015 as Colorectal  
4 Cancer Awareness Month;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
6 of Representatives observe March 2015 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness  
7 Month; and encourage the people of Washington to take advantage of  
8 life-saving screening for colorectal cancer.

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