

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOKES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Susan G. Komen Louisiana Affiliates and to recognize Thursday, May 16, 2019, as Susan G. Komen Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit, while providing real-time help to those facing the disease; and

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen has a global research investment of more than \$988 million; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, among the fifty states, Louisiana ranks second highest in breast cancer mortality despite the fact that the breast cancer incidence rate in Louisiana is lower than the national average; and

WHEREAS, this year in Louisiana, it is estimated that over three thousand seven hundred seventy new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women, and more than six hundred twenty Louisiana women and men will die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, approximately 11.4% of Louisiana residents are uninsured, and the uninsured are more likely to face a late-stage diagnosis involving fewer treatment options and lower chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen Affiliates work to achieve their bold goal of reducing the breast cancer death rate in the U.S. by 50% by 2026 by advocating full state funding and matching federal funding of the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program so that the program continues to provide early detection services to women in the state; and

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen Affiliates continue their mission on a local, national, and global level to identify the cures that will end breast cancer as a life threatening disease

and to provide community-based support to the women and men who are fighting breast cancer today, including women and men in the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Susan G. Komen Louisiana Affiliates for their unwavering dedication to the fight against breast cancer and does hereby recognize Thursday, May 16, 2019, as Susan G. Komen Day at the state capitol.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE