

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Susan G. Komen for the Cure and its Louisiana affiliates for improvement in the quality of life in local communities through the delivery of breast cancer education, screening, treatment, and research, and to recognize April 17, 2012, as Komen for the Cure Day at the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and advocates fighting together to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all, and energize science to find the cures; and

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

WHEREAS, in Louisiana this year, an estimated three thousand three hundred twenty new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among women, and six hundred sixty Louisiana women will die of the disease, many of them facing a late-stage diagnosis involving fewer treatment options and lower chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, one in five women aged forty to sixty-four is uninsured and, as a consequence, often faces the decision of whether to delay or completely forego the breast cancer screenings that are a key to surviving this disease; and

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen for the Cure supports and urges full funding of the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program to provide breast health screening to uninsured and under-insured; and

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen for the Cure continues its mission locally, nationally, and globally 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 fighting breast cancer today, including those in the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Susan G. Komen for the Cure and its Louisiana affiliates for its unwavering dedication to the fight against breast cancer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 17, 2012, as Komen for the Cure Day at the Louisiana State Legislature.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE