

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its eleventh annual "Fest for Life" health event on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center is Louisiana's leading cancer care organization, caring for more patients each year than any other facility in the Baton Rouge area; and

WHEREAS, with strategic hospital and physician partnerships, it is delivering on its mission to improve survivorship and lessen the burden of cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and its partners work together to provide state-of-the-art treatments and unparalleled collaborative, comprehensive cancer services to attract the best cancer minds in the country, from expert physicians and highly specialized scientists to forward-thinking leaders in supportive care and other disciplines; and

WHEREAS, "Fest for Life" is a forum to increase awareness regarding the importance of early cancer detection in the Greater Baton Rouge area and provides five different types of free cancer screenings, including breast, prostate, skin, colorectal and oral cavity, along with blood pressure and glucose checks; and

WHEREAS, the first "Fest for Life" health event was held in 2008 and since that time, five thousand two hundred people have been screened; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has one of the highest mortality rates in the nation and one in one hundred forty-two adults will be diagnosed with cancer in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has the highest breast cancer and third highest colorectal cancer mortality rates in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's uninsured rate is twenty-two percent greater than the national average of nine percent; and

WHEREAS, "Fest for Life" is an opportunity to increase awareness regarding the importance of early cancer detection in the Greater Baton Rouge area, especially among disparate populations, and provides five different types of free cancer screenings, including breast, prostate, skin, colorectal, and oral cavity, along with blood pressure and glucose checks.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its eleventh annual "Fest for Life" health event on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president and chief executive officer of the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE