

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8017

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A RESOLUTION to recognize breast cancer awareness and the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink campaign.

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, estimates for breast cancer in the United States for 2021 state that 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women; 43,600 women will die from breast cancer; 2,650 men are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer; and 530 men will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, 5,850 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2021, and unfortunately, 1,070 women in our State will die from breast cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women. Since 2007, breast cancer death rates have been steady in women younger than fifty but have continued to decrease in older women; from 2013 to 2018, the death rate went down by one percent per year; and

WHEREAS, these decreases are believed to be the result of finding breast cancer earlier through screening and increased awareness, as well as better treatments; today, there are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, including women still being treated and those who have completed treatment; and

WHEREAS, Real Men Wear Pink is a nationwide effort giving men in communities the opportunity to fight back against breast cancer. Real Men Ambassadors are asked to wear pink, raise awareness about the importance of breast health and early detection through mammography, and raise critical funds to support breast cancer research and patient services; and

WHEREAS, Real Men Wear Pink gives men a leadership role in the fight against breast cancer. Community leaders around the nation use the power of pink to raise awareness and money for the American Cancer Society's breast cancer initiatives, including innovative research, patient services, and education around screenings and risk reduction; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the fourth year of Real Men Wear Pink in Nashville; the campaign has now spread across Tennessee to include Chattanooga, Knoxville, West Tennessee, and Memphis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we specially recognize breast cancer awareness and the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink campaign in the fight against breast cancer in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.