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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast
3 cancer during their lifetime; and

4 WHEREAS, Women whose breast cancer is diagnosed early
5 before it has spread have an almost 100% chance of being alive
6 five years later; and

7 WHEREAS, Early detection of breast cancer and timely follow
8 up, coupled with guideline concordant treatment is critical to
9 survival from breast cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, A University of Illinois at Chicago study found
11 that poor women, minority women, and women without any private
12 health insurance were far more likely to have their breast
13 cancers missed on a screening mammogram; and

14 WHEREAS, Both University of Illinois at Chicago and
15 Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force studies have
16 found significant variation in the quality of mammography, with
17 minority women, poor women, and women with less education more
18 likely to receive poorer quality mammography resulting in later
19 stage diagnosis; and

20 WHEREAS, Both University of Illinois at Chicago and the

1 Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force studies find
2 significant fragmentation of care experienced by poor women
3 entering the healthcare system at lower resourced facilities,
4 with delays experienced in follow up and loss to follow up
5 resulting in poorer breast cancer outcomes for poor women,
6 minority women, and women with less education; and

7 WHEREAS, To address the challenges with mammography
8 quality, two pieces of prior legislation (Public Act 95-1045
9 and Public Act 97-638) were signed into law and the Department
10 of Healthcare and Family Services established a statewide
11 mammography quality program with two rounds of data
12 successfully collected; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services
14 has not administered this women's healthcare quality
15 improvement program required by law for two years and has no
16 internal capacity to administer such a program; and

17 WHEREAS, To address the challenges with respect to quality
18 of breast cancer treatment and fragmentation of care and the
19 barriers to receiving guideline concordant breast cancer
20 treatment, Governor Rauner signed the Breast Cancer Excellence
21 in Survival and Treatment act into law (Public Law 99-433) on
22 August 21, 2015; and

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services
2 has failed to implement the BEST Act including implementation
3 of a breast cancer treatment quality program as required by the
4 BEST Act, provisions in the BEST Act that require that all
5 networks of care have patient navigation for cancer patients
6 and that the Medicaid breast cancer patient navigation programs
7 be expanded; nor has the Department ensured that every women in
8 Medicaid is being offered and encouraged to utilize the
9 mammography coverage proscribed in the Public Aid code that
10 requires baseline coverage of mammography at age 35-39 and
11 annual mammography at age 40 onward; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 urge the Governor and the Department of Healthcare and Family
15 Services by July 1, 2018 to contract with an external expert
16 entity that has prior experience collecting statewide
17 mammography quality data to perform the Department's quality
18 improvement program and to provide each participating facility
19 with a mammography quality report annually; such entity should
20 be reimbursed at an annual rate of \$230,000; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That by July 1, 2018, the Department of
22 Healthcare and Family Services is urged to contract with an
23 external expert entity that has prior experience collecting
24 breast cancer treatment data from safety net providers in

1 Illinois and is a federally designated Patient Safety and
2 Quality Improvement Organization as of January 1, 2018; this
3 entity should be responsible for developing a breast cancer
4 treatment quality program and will collaborate with the State's
5 cancer registry in so doing; such entity should be reimbursed
6 at an annual rate of \$350,000; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That that the Department of Healthcare and Family
8 Services is urged to immediately implement all other components
9 of the BEST Act and to work with breast cancer advocates and
10 breast cancer clinical experts to ensure that the Illinois
11 Medicaid program provides the highest quality breast cancer
12 screening and treatment to women served by Illinois Medicaid;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 delivered to the Governor and to the Director of Healthcare and
16 Family Services.