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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Over 7,000 women in the State of Illinois are
3 expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Over 1,700 women in the State of Illinois are
5 expected to die from breast cancer in 2007; and

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WHEREAS, In the United States, a woman receives a diagnosis
of breast cancer every three minutes, making that disease the
8 most frequently diagnosed of all cancers affecting women; it
9 was expected that, in 2007, approximately 178,000 cases of
10 breast cancer would be diagnosed among women in the United
11 States and that over 40,000 women would succumb to the disease;
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WHEREAS, Without a cure, one in eight women in the United
States will continue to be diagnosed with breast cancer;
moreover, the next quarter-century will see an estimated 5
million American women and 25 million women worldwide diagnosed
with breast cancer, and more than a million American women and
some 10 million women worldwide could die; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is home to extremely
innovative and effective organizations that fight breast
cancer, including Illinois Affiliates of Susan G. Komen for the

1 Cure, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection
2 Program, the STAND Against Cancer Initiative, the Hispanic
3 Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative, ACCESS Community Health
4 Network, Y-ME Illinois, and the American Cancer Society
5 Illinois Division; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois has a special place in the history of
7 breast cancer advocacy, with Peoria being the home of Susan G.
8 Komen and her sister, Nancy Brinker, who founded the world's
9 largest breast cancer organization, Susan G. Komen for the
10 Cure, based on her promise to her dying sister to do everything
11 possible to fight the disease; and

12 WHEREAS, Early detection of breast cancer is the key to
13 surviving the disease, with survival rates of over 95% when the
14 cancer is caught early while still confined to the breast; and

15 WHEREAS, Public and private partnerships involving
16 Illinois Affiliates of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the
17 Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program,
18 the STAND Against Cancer Initiative, the Hispanic Breast and
19 Cervical Cancer Initiative, ACCESS Community Health Network,
20 Y-ME Illinois, and the American Cancer Society Illinois
21 Division are supporting early detection of breast cancer,
22 especially for low-income and uninsured women; and

1 WHEREAS, Illinois has made a strong commitment to provide
2 breast cancer screening services to low-income and uninsured
3 woman in the State of Illinois within ten years; therefore, be
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5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 the Illinois House of Representatives is committed to the goal
8 of providing breast cancer screening services to every
9 low-income and uninsured woman in the State of Illinois and
10 commends those thousands of Illinois breast cancer advocates
11 and survivors who are fighting to achieve this goal.