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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The first Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Day in
2 Texas is being held on February 14, 2007; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 1982, the Komen Affiliate Network is the
4 largest private funder of community-based breast health education
5 and breast cancer screening and treatment programs in the nation;
6 the network is sustained by more than 100,000 breast cancer
7 survivors and activists; and

8 WHEREAS, In the United States, a woman receives a diagnosis
9 of breast cancer every three minutes, making that disease the most
10 frequently diagnosed of all cancers affecting women; it was
11 expected that, in 2006, approximately 275,000 new cases of breast
12 cancer would occur among women and that 41,000 women would succumb
13 to the disease; in addition, it was anticipated that more than 1,700
14 cases of breast cancer would be diagnosed among men; and

15 WHEREAS, Without a cure, one in eight women in the United
16 States will continue to be diagnosed with breast cancer; moreover,
17 the next quarter-century will see an estimated 5 million American
18 women and 25 million women worldwide diagnosed with breast cancer,
19 and more than a million American women and some 10 million women
20 worldwide could die; and

21 WHEREAS, Komen for the Cure is doing outstanding work in
22 combating this devastating illness: up to 75 percent of the net
23 income of each Komen domestic affiliate is dedicated to fighting
24 breast cancer in the local community, with grants being awarded to

1 local hospitals and community organizations that provide breast
2 health education and breast cancer screening and treatment for
3 medically underserved women; the remaining net income, a minimum of
4 25 percent, supports the Komen Award and Research Grant Program,
5 which funds groundbreaking breast cancer research, meritorious
6 awards, and educational and scientific programs around the world;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Komen for the Cure has played a critical role in
9 every major advance in the struggle against breast cancer,
10 contributing to such achievements as an increased rate of early
11 detection, more research, and a greatly improved five-year survival
12 rate; today, 2.3 million breast cancer survivors in the United
13 States attest to the power of social action and science to save
14 lives; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the next decade, Komen for the Cure aims to
16 invest more than \$600 million in breast health care and treatment
17 for the underserved, as well as over \$400 million in research; the
18 organization also plans to mobilize more than 10 million
19 individuals for the fight against the disease; and

20 WHEREAS, In support of the first Komen for the Cure Advocacy
21 Day in Texas, members of Komen affiliates in Austin, Houston,
22 Dallas, San Antonio, and Lubbock are visiting the State Capitol;
23 joining them are medical professionals who have received Komen
24 grants, as well as several representatives from the national
25 organization; and

26 WHEREAS, Breast cancer touches the lives of thousands of
27 individuals across the Lone Star State, and Komen for the Cure is to

1 be commended for the vision, passion, and tenacity it brings to its
2 vital mission; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 14, 2007, as the first Susan
5 G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Day in Texas and extend to all those
6 associated with Komen for the Cure sincere appreciation for their
7 commitment to such an important cause.