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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The second Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Day
2 in Texas is being held on February 4, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 1982, the Susan G. Komen Affiliate
4 Network is the largest private funder of community-based breast
5 health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs
6 in the nation; the network is sustained by more than 100,000 breast
7 cancer 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 2008, approximately 185,000 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 1,900
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 five million
18 American women and 25 million women worldwide diagnosed with breast
19 cancer, and more than a million American women and some 10 million
20 women worldwide could die; and

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

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

8 WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has played a critical
9 role in 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, Susan G. Komen for the Cure
16 aims to invest more than \$600 million in breast health care and
17 treatment for the underserved, as well as over \$400 million in
18 research; the organization also plans to mobilize more than 10
19 million individuals for the fight against the disease; and

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

27 WHEREAS, Breast cancer touches the lives of thousands of

1 individuals across the Lone Star State, and Komen for the Cure is to
2 be commended for the vision, passion, and tenacity it brings to its
3 vital mission; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 4, 2009, as the second Susan
6 G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Day in Texas and extend to all those
7 associated with Susan G. Komen for the Cure sincere appreciation
8 for their commitment to such an important cause.