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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death
2 and the second most common form of cancer among women in the United
3 States, affecting more than 12 percent of females born today in this
4 nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Breast cancer can spread quickly and inexplicably to
6 vital organs, regardless of treatment or preventative measures; and

7 WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer is the most advanced stage
8 of breast cancer, in which cancer has spread beyond the breast to
9 other organs in the body; and

10 WHEREAS, Thirty percent of women who have had early-stage
11 breast cancer will eventually receive a diagnosis of metastatic
12 breast cancer, after which the median survival rate is only about
13 three years; and

14 WHEREAS, Although there have been tremendous advancements in
15 breast cancer treatment, there is a crucial need for continued
16 research and for the development of more effective treatments for
17 metastatic breast cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, Statistics suggest that as many as 250,000 women and
19 men in the United States are living with metastatic breast cancer,
20 but many Americans know very little about the disease; and

21 WHEREAS, Across the Lone Star State and around the country,
22 the dedicated members of patient care support and treatment and
23 advocacy groups are working to increase awareness, to provide
24 patient navigation assistance, and to underscore the importance of

1 medical research; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby express its support for raising awareness of
4 metastatic breast cancer and for expanding research into its causes
5 and the development of more effective treatments.