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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 among women under the age of 50 in the United States and the second
3 most common form of cancer among all women; and

4 WHEREAS, About one in eight American women will develop
5 invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime, and
6 approximately 40,000 people, including some 440 men, die from
7 breast cancer each year; and

8 WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer, also known as stage IV or
9 advanced breast cancer, occurs when the cancer spreads beyond the
10 breast to other parts of the body; anywhere from 20 to 30 percent of
11 patients initially diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer will
12 develop metastatic breast cancer, which can occur many years after
13 their original diagnosis and successful treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, There is no cure for metastatic breast cancer; the
15 median survival rate after a positive diagnosis is only three
16 years, up from 18 months in 1970; and

17 WHEREAS, Although early detection and medical care play a
18 vital role in the fight against breast cancer, advanced-stage
19 breast cancer can spread quickly and inexplicably regardless of
20 treatment or preventive measures; tremendous therapeutic
21 advancements have been made, but the need for continued research is
22 crucial, as the number of annual breast cancer deaths has remained
23 virtually unchanged for the past 20 years; and

24 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are currently between

1 150,000 and 250,000 individuals living with metastatic breast
2 cancer in the United States; many patients continue working,
3 raising families, and living life to the fullest, and with adequate
4 care, some survive 10 years or more beyond their diagnosis; and

5 WHEREAS, Across the Lone Star State and around the country, a
6 coalition consisting of patient advocates, nonprofits, academic
7 institutions, and other organizations is taking action to raise
8 awareness of the disease, to call attention to the need for more
9 research, and to highlight the importance of emotional and
10 workplace support in improving the quality of life for patients;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize October 13, 2017, as Metastatic Breast
14 Cancer Awareness Day in Texas and commend all those who are working
15 in behalf of those with metastatic breast cancer.