

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 178

BY SENATORS CARTER AND PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Edna B. and Joyce Fay Washington Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. on its twenty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Washington Breast Cancer Foundation (WBCF) was the brainchild of CEO Joyce Fay Washington Ivery, a social worker by profession, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1988; and

WHEREAS, she had a burning desire to provide assistance to other women who had experienced breast cancer and in 1993 she invited seven dedicated men and women to serve as its inaugural board members; and

WHEREAS, the mission of WBCF is to promote healing for those diagnosed with breast cancer by addressing their psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs throughout their life journey; and

WHEREAS, the foundation also seeks to impact the underserved population by providing culturally sensitive services within the social, economic, and political context of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, among the services provided are a monthly support group, free mammograms, prosthesis donations, health fairs, etc. and an annual tea is held in Natchez, Mississippi, honoring breast cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS, the WBCF is a donor-advised fund of the Greater New Orleans Foundation, the regional leader in promoting responsible philanthropy and equitable outcomes by connecting donors to community needs where all donations earmarked for the WBCF are disbursed according to budgeted need; and

WHEREAS, after Hurricane Katrina Ms. Ivery relocated to Natchez, Mississippi where the foundation is now headquartered; and

WHEREAS, many of the initiatives that began in New Orleans have been duplicated there and a network has been established broadening its educational and support services throughout the Miss-Lou area; and

WHEREAS, the foundation will welcome the community to join in the celebration of twenty-five years of service to breast cancer survivors and caregivers at festivities to be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Edna B. and Joyce Fay Washington Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. on its twenty-fifth anniversary and does hereby acknowledge the countless acts that the foundation has made for breast cancer survivors and caretakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Edna B. and Joyce Fay Washington Breast Cancer Foundation.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE