

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY SENATOR BROOME

SENATE. Recognizes April 13-19, 2014, as National Minority Cancer Awareness Week and commends Mary Bird Perkins-Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center on holding "Fest for Life".

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize April 13-19, 2014, as National Minority Cancer Awareness Week and to
3 commend Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center on holding "Fest
4 for Life".

5 WHEREAS, the third week of April, namely April 13-19, 2014, is recognized as
6 National Minority Cancer Awareness Week; and

7 WHEREAS, the Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center will hold
8 "Fest for Life", a minority cancer awareness event, on April 12, 2014, in recognition of
9 National Minority Cancer Awareness Week; and

10 WHEREAS, "Fest for Life" serves as a forum to increase awareness regarding the
11 importance of early cancer detection among racial/ethnic minority groups and provides five
12 types of free cancer screenings; and

13 WHEREAS, cancer is common in Americans of all racial and ethnic groups;
14 however, the cancer rates vary considerably from group to group; and

15 WHEREAS, African Americans have the highest death rate and shortest survival rate
16 of any racial and ethnic group in the United States of America for most cancers; and

17 WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death among Hispanic adults
18 following heart disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Asian Americans have the highest incidence and mortality rates from
2 liver and stomach cancers of all racial and ethnic groups in both men and women; and

3 WHEREAS, these disparities are due largely to barriers to receiving timely and high
4 quality medical care by minority populations resulting in later stage diagnosis when the
5 disease is more difficult to treat; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center, along with
7 the many dedicated community partners, has screened more than 55,000 persons at more
8 than 1700 free cancer screening events in an eighteen parish service area since 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, in the six year history of this Minority Cancer Awareness Event, more
10 than 3,000 persons have been screened for Breast, Colorectal, Oral, Prostate, and Skin
11 cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2013 minorities represented more than eighty percent of the persons
13 screened for cancer at "Fest for Life".

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15 does hereby recognize April 13-19, 2014, as National Minority Cancer Awareness Week.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake
17 Cancer Center is hereby commended for holding "Fest for Life".

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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