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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its 10th annual Fest for Life health event on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its tenth annual "Fest for
3	Life" health event on Saturday, April 22, 2017.
4	WHEREAS, the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center is Louisiana's leading cancer care
5	organization, caring for more patients each year than any other facility in the Baton Rouge
6	area; and
7	WHEREAS, with strategic hospital and physician partnerships, it is delivering on its
8	mission to improve survivorship and lessen the burden of cancer; and
9	WHEREAS, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and its partners work together to
10	provide state-of-the-art treatments and unparalleled collaborative, comprehensive cancer
11	services to attract the best cancer minds in the country, from expert physicians and highly
12	specialized scientists to forward-thinking leaders in supportive care and other disciplines;
13	and
14	WHEREAS, the first Fest for Life health event was held in 2008 and since that time,
15	four thousand eight hundred people have been screened; and
16	WHEREAS, Louisiana has one of the highest mortality rates in the nation and one
17	in ninety-five adults will be diagnosed with cancer in 2017; and
18	WHEREAS, Louisiana's uninsured rate is twelve and one-half percent greater than

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the national average of eleven percent; and

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WHEREAS, Fest for Life is an opportunity to increase awareness regarding the importance of early cancer detection in the Greater Baton Rouge area, especially among disparate populations, and provides five different types of free cancer screenings, including breast, prostate, skin, colorectal, and oral cavity, along with blood pressure and glucose checks.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its tenth annual "Fest for Life" health event on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president and chief executive officer of the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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