

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center for hosting "Fest for Life" which provides free cancer screenings, as a minority cancer awareness event, on April 16, 2016.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center on hosting "Fest for
3 Life", a minority cancer awareness event, on April 16, 2016.

4 WHEREAS, April 5-11, 2016 is recognized as National Minority Cancer Awareness
5 Week; and

6 WHEREAS, the Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center will hold
7 "Fest for Life", a minority cancer awareness event, on April 16, 2016, at the Bon Carre'
8 Business Center; and

9 WHEREAS, "Fest for Life" serves as a forum to increase awareness regarding the
10 importance of early cancer detection among racial/ethnic minority groups and provides five
11 types of free cancer screenings, including breast, prostate, skin, colorectal, and oral cavity,
12 along with blood pressure and glucose checks; 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

