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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its 11th annual "Fest for Life" health event on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its eleventh annual "Fest for
3	Life" health event on Saturday, April 14, 2018.
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, "Fest for Life" is a forum to increase awareness regarding the
15	importance of early cancer detection in the Greater Baton Rouge area and provides five
16	different types of free cancer screenings, including breast, prostate, skin, colorectal and oral
17	cavity, along with blood pressure and glucose checks; and
18	WHEREAS, the first "Fest for Life" health event was held in 2008 and since that

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1	time, five thousand two hundred people have been screened; and
2	WHEREAS, Louisiana has one of the highest mortality rates in the nation and one
3	in one hundred forty-two adults will be diagnosed with cancer in 2018; and
4	WHEREAS, Louisiana has the highest breast cancer and third highest colorectal
5	cancer mortality rates in the U.S.; and
6	WHEREAS, Louisiana's uninsured rate is twenty-two percent greater than the
7	national average of nine percent; and
8	WHEREAS, "Fest for Life" is an opportunity to increase awareness regarding the
9	importance of early cancer detection in the Greater Baton Rouge area, especially among
10	disparate populations, and provides five different types of free cancer screenings, including
11	breast, prostate, skin, colorectal, and oral cavity, along with blood pressure and glucose
12	checks.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14	does hereby commend and congratulate the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center on hosting its
15	eleventh annual "Fest for Life" health event on Saturday, April 14, 2018.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17	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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