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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

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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.
6	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7	does hereby commend the Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center for
8	hosting "Fest for Life", a minority cancer awareness event, on April 16, 2016.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10	Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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