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3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1018

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8 A Resolution commending those working to raise  
9 awareness of metastatic cancer and who are supporting  
10 research; proclaiming October 13, 2017, Metastatic  
11 Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Oklahoma.

12 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death  
13 among women under the age of 50 in the United States and the second  
14 most common form of cancer among the nation's women; and

15 WHEREAS, approximately 40,000 people, including approximately  
16 440 men, will die from breast cancer each year with approximately  
17 2600 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in men in each  
18 year; and

19 WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer, also known as Stage IV or  
20 Advanced Breast Cancer, is the most advanced stage of breast cancer;  
21 it is the stage in which cancer has spread beyond the breast to  
22 other parts of the body; and 20-30% of people initially diagnosed  
23 with early stage breast cancer will develop metastatic breast  
24 cancer; and

1       WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer can occur 3, 5, 10, or 15  
2 years after a person's original breast cancer diagnosis and  
3 successful treatment checkups and annual mammograms; and

4       WHEREAS, patients can be diagnosed as Stage IV from the  
5 beginning, de novo, meaning the first incidence of breast cancer is  
6 Stage IV, which accounts for 3% to 6% of all metastatic breast  
7 cancer diagnosis; and

8       WHEREAS, it is estimated there are between 150,000-250,000 men  
9 and women living with metastatic breast cancer in the United States;  
10 and

11       WHEREAS, the median survival after a metastatic breast cancer  
12 diagnosis is 3 years, up from 18 months in 1970, some patients may  
13 live 10 or more years beyond diagnosis; and

14       WHEREAS, common misperceptions include that patients with  
15 metastatic breast cancer did not receive treatment early enough,  
16 receive the correct type of treatment, or that patients with  
17 advanced stage breast cancer are curable; however in reality breast  
18 cancer can spread quickly and inexplicably regardless of treatment  
19 or preventative measures and there is no cure for metastatic breast  
20 cancer; and

21       WHEREAS, tremendous advancements in breast cancer treatment have  
22 been made, there is a crucial need for continued research to assist  
23 in the development of more effective treatments for metastatic  
24 breast cancer; and

1       WHEREAS, any patients living with metastatic breast cancer  
2 continue working, raising families, and living life to the fullest  
3 while undergoing treatment for advanced-stage cancer; and

4       WHEREAS, across Oklahoma and around the country, patient  
5 advocates, nonprofits, academic institutions, and others are working  
6 to increase awareness of the disease and to underscore the  
7 importance of continued medical research and highlight the need to  
8 provide continued emotional and professional support to metastatic  
9 breast cancer patients in the workplace.

10       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby commends all  
13 those who are working to raise awareness of metastatic cancer and  
14 who are supporting research to develop more effective treatments of  
15 the disease.

16       THAT October 13, 2017, be proclaimed Metastatic Breast Cancer  
17 Awareness Day in Oklahoma.

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