**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO PROCLAIM JANUARY 11, 2012, AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION OF THIS DISEASE.

Whereas, the National Cancer Institute estimates that a woman in the United States has a one‑in‑eight chance of developing invasive breast cancer during her lifetime; and

Whereas, the Palmetto State ranks fifteenth in the United States for breast‑cancer mortality; and

Whereas, excluding cancers of the skin, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among American women, accounting for more than one in four cancers; and

Whereas, breast cancer is the second‑leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States, and every sixty‑nine seconds a woman dies of breast cancer; and

Whereas, it was estimated that 230,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer would be diagnosed in 2011 among American women; and

Whereas, ultimately, all women are at risk for breast cancer; and

Whereas, early detection of breast cancer is known to save lives, and mammography is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting the disease long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives stand in full support of those currently battling this serious disease and urge all South Carolinians to educate themselves about breast cancer, take proactive steps to reduce their risk of developing the disease, and undergo appropriate screening for it; and

Whereas, it is appropriate for the House of Representatives to recognize the impact of breast cancer on the citizens of this State and the importance of raising awareness concerning this disease among those citizens. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, proclaim January 11, 2012, as Breast Cancer Awareness Day for the purpose of encouraging prevention and early detection of this disease.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Palmetto Health Foundation.

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