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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Susan G. Komen Foundation has become the
3 global leader in the fight against breast cancer, transforming
4 how the world talks about and treats the disease, and has
5 helped turn millions of breast cancer patients into breast
6 cancer survivors; and

7 WHEREAS, Every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast
8 cancer, and every 13 minutes, a woman who is loved is lost to
9 this disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Central Illinois native Nancy G. Brinker promised
11 her dying sister Suzy more than 30 years ago that she would do
12 everything in her power to end breast cancer forever, with that
13 promise becoming the Susan G. Komen Foundation, now the largest
14 source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast
15 cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, The Susan G. Komen Memorial Affiliate serves women
17 and families in 36 counties across central Illinois, including
18 Sangamon County; and

19 WHEREAS, The Komen Memorial Affiliate already awarded
20 nearly \$80,000 in local community health grants in the
21 Springfield area last year, including providing free

1 mammography services to uninsured women; and

2 WHEREAS, The Komen Memorial Affiliate has a successful
3 history of fundraising events including Race for the Cure 5K
4 races in Peoria and Bloomington, but not yet in Springfield;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Komen Memorial Affiliate is proud to bring the
7 Komen Race for the Cure to Springfield for the first time on
8 May 16, 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, The Inaugural Komen Springfield Race for the Cure
10 5K will be the Foundation's first evening race and will bring
11 participants to downtown Springfield, ending at the State
12 Capitol; and

13 WHEREAS, Racers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to
14 participate and raise funds to support the Susan G. Komen
15 Foundation to end breast cancer and save lives; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Jane Arbuthnot and Victoria Ringer, both of
17 Springfield, are serving as the Race's Honorary
18 Co-Chairpersons; and

19 WHEREAS, Julie Henderson, an 8-year breast cancer
20 survivor, and her daughter Nicole Henderson, are serving as the

1 first Komen Race mother and daughter co-chairpersons; and

2 WHEREAS, The supporters of the Inaugural Komen Springfield
3 Race for the Cure hope to "paint the Capitol area pink" in
4 support of breast cancer awareness and finding a cure, with a
5 highlight of ending the evening with pink fireworks on the
6 Capitol lawn; and

7 WHEREAS, With our help and support, the Komen Memorial
8 Affiliate will raise even more money to fight breast cancer in
9 our communities with 75% of the net proceeds directly funding
10 programs in the service area and 25% supporting national
11 research; and

12 WHEREAS, State Representative David Leitch has long
13 supported the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Komen Memorial
14 Affiliate, serving as board member and being a personal friend
15 of the late Suzy Komen, and we thank him and honor him for his
16 work; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we recognize the Susan G. Komen Foundation for its unwavering
20 commitment to saving lives and ending breast cancer and show
21 our support for the Inaugural Komen Springfield Race for the
22 Cure on May 16, 2014, and wish all those involved all the best

1 in their endeavors; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 presented to Springfield Race for the Cure co-chairpersons,
4 Julie and Nicole Henderson.