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Expressing support for the designation of a Pink Prayer Day and applauding the actions of medical professionals and other caregivers, researchers, patients and their families, and others who strive to combat and raise public awareness of breast cancer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2008

Mr. ROSKAM submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of a Pink Prayer Day and applauding the actions of medical professionals and other caregivers, researchers, patients and their families, and others who strive to combat and raise public awareness of breast cancer.

Whereas breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among American women, accounting for 1 in 3 cancer diagnoses in women;

Whereas 1 in 8 women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time in their lifetime;

Whereas an estimated 180,000 new cases will be diagnosed in 2008;

Whereas an estimated 67,770 new cases of carcinoma in situ, the earliest form of breast cancer, will be diagnosed in 2008;

Whereas an estimated 40,000 women die from breast cancer in 2008;

Whereas breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among women aged 40 to 59 years;

Whereas there are over 2,000,000 breast cancer survivors alive in the United States;

Whereas the month of October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month;

Whereas the American Cancer Society is recognized for their work in bringing about awareness of all forms of cancer and providing resources and a support network for survivors and for those afflicted with the disease, their family, and their friends;

Whereas the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is recognized for educating the public about breast cancer and raising funds for research through its Race for the Cure and other events;

Whereas Liguori Publications is recognized for their efforts in compiling the Pink Prayer Book, a collection of prayers written by breast cancer patients and survivors and their family and friends who surround them;

Whereas a survey of 12 years of reports in 2 major psychiatric journals showed that spirituality, defined as participation in religious ceremony, social support, prayer, and belief in a higher being, yielded positive mental health benefits in 92 percent of the cases;

Whereas October 15 would be an appropriate day to designate as Pink Prayer Day; and

Whereas there is an ever-present need for continued awareness of breast cancer on behalf of the public, including awareness of symptoms, warning signs, treatment options, research needs, and public policy implications: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives ex-
2 presses support for the designation of a Pink Prayer Day
3 and applauds the actions of medical professionals and
4 other caregivers, researchers, patients and their families,
5 and others who strive to combat and raise public aware-
6 ness of breast cancer.

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