ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 24

By: Shumate, Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Boggs, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Crain, Dahm, David, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Rob), Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Schulz, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat and Wyrick of the Senate

and

Matthews and Pittman of the House

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of breast cancer awareness and education; designating April 30, 2013, as "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in the State of Oklahoma; dedicating the special day to the memory of Zora Brown; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, besides skin cancers, with one in eight women being diagnosed in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women, and is projected to claim the lives of nearly 40,000 women this year; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 232,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in 2013; and

WHEREAS, death rates from breast cancer have been declining since 1990 because of earlier detection through screening, increased awareness and improved treatment; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, men as well as women are at risk for breast cancer. It's estimated that more than 2,200 men will be diagnosed in 2013, and around 400 men will die from the disease. While far less common in men than in women, men still have a 1 in 1,000 chance of getting breast cancer in their lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the importance of breast cancer awareness and education for all men and women.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates April 30, 2013, as the 5th Annual "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature dedicates this special awareness day to the memory of American Association for Cancer Research Foundation for Prevention and Cure of Cancer trustee Zora Brown, who was a pioneering advocate for cancer research and breast cancer awareness among minorities and who lost her battle to ovarian cancer on March 3, 2013, at the age of 63.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the family of Zora Brown.

Adopted by the Senate the 29th day of April, 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives