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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed
3 cancer among women worldwide and remains the second leading
4 cause of cancer-related deaths among women in the United
5 States; and

6 WHEREAS, An estimated 319,750 Americans will be diagnosed
7 with invasive breast cancer in 2025, and tragically, 42,680
8 lives will be lost to the disease, equivalent to 117 lives per
9 day, with 98% of those deaths being due to metastatic breast
10 cancer (MBC); and

11 WHEREAS, MBC occurs when breast cancer spreads beyond the
12 breast to other parts of the body, including the bones, liver,
13 lungs, and brain; despite advances in early detection and
14 treatment, approximately 30% of early-stage breast cancers
15 will eventually metastasize with no known cure; and

16 WHEREAS, Individuals with MBC face a median life
17 expectancy of approximately three years, yet less than 10% of
18 U.S. breast cancer research funding is dedicated to studying
19 this terminal stage of the disease; increasing investment in
20 MBC-specific research is critical to transforming it from a
21 terminal illness into a chronic, manageable condition; and

1 WHEREAS, METAvivor Research and Support is a national
2 nonprofit dedicated to funding stage IV MBC research,
3 supporting patients, and advocating for equitable distribution
4 of breast cancer research dollars, seeking to increase MBC
5 funding to at least 30% of all breast cancer research; and

6 WHEREAS, Racial disparities persist in breast cancer
7 outcomes; while white women have slightly higher incidence
8 rates of breast cancer, Black women are 40% more likely to die
9 from the disease, and breast cancer remains the leading cause
10 of cancer-related death for Hispanic women; addressing these
11 inequities through research, education, and access to care is
12 essential; and

13 WHEREAS, The #LightUpMBC global campaign, in partnership
14 with METAvivor, illuminates over 117 landmarks across the
15 world in the MBC awareness colors of teal, green, and pink on
16 October 13th of each year; this campaign honors lives lost to
17 MBC, amplifies patient voices, and raises crucial funds for
18 MBC research; and

19 WHEREAS, While the pink ribbon is widely recognized for
20 early-stage breast cancer awareness, it does not represent
21 those living with stage IV breast cancer; the MBC awareness
22 ribbon, a tricolor combination of teal to represent healing,
23 green to represent hope, and pink to represent the origin of

1 breast cancer, symbolizes the unique challenges of the MBC
2 community; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we declare October 13, 2025 as Metastatic Breast Cancer
6 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we encourage all residents to join in the
8 national effort to raise awareness by illuminating local
9 landmarks in teal, green, and pink and supporting the urgent
10 need for increased metastatic breast cancer (MBC) research
11 funding.