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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DIAMOND, VENKAT, SCHMITT, GREINER, GALLAGHER,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 27, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 13, 2023, as "Metastatic Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer
4 among women in the world, and second leading cause of cancer
5 death among women in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, More than one in eight women and one in 833 men in
7 the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their
8 lifetimes; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2023, an estimated 300,590 Americans will be
10 diagnosed with invasive breast cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer occurs when breast cancer
12 spreads to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs,
13 liver and brain and has an average life expectancy of 24 to 36
14 months; and

15 WHEREAS, Regardless of early detection, approximately 30% of
16 stage 0 to III breast cancers will return as stage IV; and

17 WHEREAS, An estimated 43,700 Americans will die from breast
18 cancer in 2023, equal to 115 women and men per day, with 98% due

1 to metastatic breast cancer; and

2 WHEREAS, The national organization, METAvivor Research and
3 Support, funds critical stage IV metastatic breast cancer
4 research, educates the public about metastatic breast cancer and
5 lack of funding for stage IV treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, METAvivor Research and Support aims to dramatically
7 increase the current percentage of United States breast cancer
8 research dollars from under 5% to 30% for the already
9 metastasized patient; and

10 WHEREAS, The national hashtags for this initiative on social
11 media fall under #METAvivor and #LightUpMBC; and

12 WHEREAS, On October 13 of every year, there is a global
13 #LightUpMBC campaign to illuminate 115 landmarks in the
14 metastatic colors of teal, pink and green throughout the world,
15 which brings awareness to the disease and honors the daily
16 number of 115 lives lost to metastatic breast cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, The day will culminate in a virtual broadcast,
18 #LightUpMBC Live, to commemorate landmarks lighting around the
19 country, share inspiring stories by the metastatic breast cancer
20 community and raise research funds; and

21 WHEREAS, The pink ribbon is well-known for representing the
22 fight against early stage breast cancer and is not inclusive of
23 stage IV; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
25 October 13, 2023, as "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day";
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 METAvivor #LightUpMBC national campaign.