

House Resolution No. 2117

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which demonstrate tremendous potential for bettering the quality of human life now and in the future; and

Whereas, Relay For Life serves as a unique and effective means of promoting community good will while raising much-needed funds for the American Cancer Society's diverse programs of research, education, advocacy, and service which are designed to prevent disease, save lives, and diminish suffering; and

Whereas, Relay For Life is the nationwide signature activity for the American Cancer Society in its longstanding battle against a disease which has eliminated so many people and resources from society's treasury; and

Whereas, nearly thirty thousand new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in the state of Missouri this year, and more than twelve thousand of our illustrious citizens will die; and

Whereas, cancer is the second-leading cause of death in the United States and claims approximately 1,500 lives each day nationwide; and

Whereas, Relay For Life activities educate the public about cancer prevention and detection, raise the financial resources necessary for the fight against this deadly disease, and help participants celebrate survival; and

Whereas, one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime, and there will be 1,437,180 new cancer cases diagnosed in 2008; and

Whereas, in Missouri, there are an estimated 12,630 cancer-related deaths annually; and

Whereas, the Barton County Relay For Life will conduct its annual fund-raising on Friday, July 11, and Saturday, July 12, 2008, with activities at the Lamar City Park in which everyone will have the opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the exemplary, productive association formed between the Barton County Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for resounding fund-raising success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Barton County Relay For Life.

Offered by _____
Representative Ed Emery
District No. 126

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2117, adopted April 22, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker