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H. RES. 904

Honoring Sisters Network Inc.® for its work to raise awareness about the tragic impact of breast cancer in the African-American community.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Honoring Sisters Network Inc.® for its work to raise awareness about the tragic impact of breast cancer in the African-American community.

Whereas Sisters Network Inc.® was founded in October 1994 by Karen E. Jackson, a two-time breast cancer survivor, and Chief Executive Officer;

Whereas Sisters Network Inc.® is a nationally recognized organization among leading medical establishments and breast cancer physicians;

Whereas Sisters Network Inc.® is “committed to increasing local and national attention to the devastating impact that breast cancer has in the African-American community”;

Whereas Sisters Network Inc.® has 40 affiliate survivor-run chapters in 22 States;

Whereas Sisters Network Inc.® affiliate chapters collaborate with organizations and community groups to coordinate the promotion of breast health awareness in the African-American community through the “Gift for Life Block Walk”, an innovative door-to-door program, which allows the community to meet survivors and hear their stories;

Whereas Sisters Network Inc.® has designed “Teens4Pink”, a national interactive, 3-time award winning multilevel program to educate teen girls, ages 12 to 16 on the importance of breast health and equip them with knowledge to educate their families and communities;

Whereas in 2006, Sisters Network Inc.® established the Breast Cancer Assistance Program (BCAP) to provide support to breast cancer survivors, currently in treatment and facing financial hardship;

Whereas in April 2010, Sisters Network Inc.®, hosted the historic “Stop the Silence 5KWalk/Run” in Houston, Texas, the first national African-American Breast Cancer 5K/Run, which attracts thousands of participants and has become an annual event;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among African-American women in 2016;

Whereas in 2016, approximately 30,700 new cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among African-American women;

Whereas while the incidence rate of breast cancer is lower in African-American women than White women, the mor-

tality rate was 39 percent higher in African-American women diagnosed with breast cancer in 2013;

Whereas uninsured women have a 30 percent to 50 percent increased risk of dying from breast cancer than those with insurance;

Whereas African-American women are twice as likely to have Triple Negative Breast Cancer, the most aggressive molecular breast cancer sub-type;

Whereas African-American men ages 18 to 64 have a 76 percent higher risk of dying from breast cancer than White men of the same age; and

Whereas Sisters Network Inc.® is dedicated to raising awareness about and reducing these troubling statistics: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 Sisters Network Inc.® for raising awareness about the
- 3 tragic impact that breast cancer has in the African-Amer-
- 4 ican community.

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