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HR-115 (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 115

Introduced by Assembly Members Mathis and Chávez

~~(Coauthor: Assembly Member Lackey)~~ (Coauthors: Assembly Members Lackey, Acosta, Aguiar-Curry, Travis Allen, Arambula, Baker, Berman, Bigelow, Bloom, Bonta, Brough, Burke, Caballero, Calderon, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chen, Chiu, Choi, Chu, Cooper, Cunningham, Dahle, Daly, Eggman, Flora, Fong, Frazier, Friedman, Gabriel, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Gloria, Gonzalez Fletcher, Gray, Grayson, Harper, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Kamlager-Dove, Kiley, Levine, Limón, Low, Maienschein, Mayes, McCarty, Medina, Melendez, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, O'Donnell, Patterson, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Rendon, Reyes, Rivas, Rodriguez, Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Steinorth, Mark Stone, Thurmond, Ting, Voepel, Waldron, Weber, and Wood)

June 18, 2018

Relative to Curing Stomach Cancer Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 115, as amended, Mathis.

WHEREAS, Stomach cancer, or gastric cancer, tends to develop slowly over many years, with early pre-cancerous changes rarely causing symptoms and therefore often going undetected; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that about 26,240 cases of stomach cancer will be diagnosed in 2018, and that about 10,800 people will die from this type of cancer; and

WHEREAS, Stomach cancer mostly affects older people, with 6 of every 10 people diagnosed with stomach cancer each year being over 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Stomach cancer is among cancers with the lowest five-year survival rate, with many people dying within the first year of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Most stomach cancers are diagnosed at stage IV, which only has a 5 percent five-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS, ~~Debbie Zelman was In 2008~~, a 40-year-old mother of three young ~~children~~, *children who was* married to a ~~physician~~, *and physician and who was* a practicing attorney with her own ~~firm~~, *when firm had* her life ~~changed~~ *change* dramatically upon learning she had stage IV stomach cancer; and

WHEREAS, ~~Debbie~~ *She* was told there were very few effective treatment options for advanced stomach cancer because it is not a common cancer in the United States, and her chance of being alive in five years was only 4 percent; and

WHEREAS, ~~Debbie~~ *This active mom and community professional, Debbie Zelman*, immediately began to educate herself about this disease and to seek the best available care, closing her law practice and beginning the fight of her life; and

WHEREAS, ~~Debbie founded~~ *In 2009, she advanced the state of knowledge about stomach cancer, sustaining a public conversation about the disease by founding* Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers, while pursuing the ultimate goal of making the cure for stomach cancer a reality; and

~~WHEREAS, Stomach cancer is among the cancers with the lowest five-year survival rate; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Out of 26,240 new cases diagnosed each year in the United States, 10,800 people will die in the first year of diagnosis; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Most stomach cancers are diagnosed at stage IV, which only has a 5 percent five-year survival rate; and~~

WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 95,000 people in the United States are currently living with stomach cancer; and

WHEREAS, Stomach cancer has increased by 70 percent in young adults between 25 and 39 years of age since 1977; and

WHEREAS, The overall survival rate for stomach cancer is 31 percent and stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Stomach cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of cancer-related death; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly ~~honors the founder Debbie Zelman and Debbie's Dream Foundation and~~ designates the month of November 2018 as Curing Stomach Cancer Month in the State of ~~California~~; *California and honors the visionary founder of Debbie's Dream Foundation, the late Debbie Zelman*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

REVISIONS:

Heading—Line 2.