

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND  
3 REMEMBERING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER;  
4 DECLARING JANUARY 26, 2015 "COACHES VERSUS CANCER AND SUITS  
5 AND SNEAKERS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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7 WHEREAS, the coaches versus cancer program is a  
8 nationwide collaboration between the American cancer society  
9 and the national association of basketball coaches,  
10 leveraging the personal experiences, community leadership  
11 and professional excellence of coaches nationwide to  
12 increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living through  
13 year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities and  
14 advocacy programs; and

15 WHEREAS, the American cancer society saves lives and  
16 creates a world with more birthdays by helping people stay  
17 well, helping people get well, finding cures and fighting  
18 back, in partnership with its nonpartisan advocacy  
19 affiliate, the American cancer society cancer action  
20 network; and

21 WHEREAS, more than ten thousand New Mexicans were newly  
22 diagnosed with cancer in 2014; and

23 WHEREAS, cancer patients face countless challenges  
24 associated with their diagnoses, including physical,  
25 emotional, financial and day-to-day challenges; and

1           WHEREAS, since 1993, coaches and their supporters have  
2 raised more than eighty-seven million dollars (\$87,000,000)  
3 for the American cancer society to help make the American  
4 cancer society's services and programs available to those  
5 who need them most; and

6           WHEREAS, the coaches versus cancer and suits and  
7 sneakers awareness nationwide effort unites coaches across  
8 the country to wear sneakers with their game attire while  
9 coaching games during the week of January 19, 2015 through  
10 January 25, 2015 and encourages lawmakers and others to  
11 similarly wear suits and sneakers to raise awareness about  
12 the fight against cancer, to share the importance of  
13 nutrition and physical activity in reducing one's cancer  
14 risk and to promote the American cancer society as a place  
15 for help and support; and

16           WHEREAS, New Mexico coaches have joined together with  
17 coaches nationwide, as well as with thousands of volunteers  
18 for the American cancer society and the American cancer  
19 society cancer action network, to advocate on behalf of  
20 cancer patients, survivors and caregivers so that one day  
21 cancer will be eliminated as a major public health issue;

22           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that cancer patients, cancer survivors  
24 and their families be honored and that those people who have  
25 been lost to cancer be remembered; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 26, 2015 be  
declared "Coaches Versus Cancer and Suits and Sneakers Day"  
in the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
transmitted to the governor and to each member of the senate  
of the state of New Mexico. \_\_\_\_\_