

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 210**

Introduced by Gloor, 35.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, originally named the American Society for the Control of Cancer, was established in 1913 and has experienced 100 years of milestones in the fight against cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Field Army started raising money and educating the public about cancer in 1937; and

WHEREAS, in 1944 the American Cancer Society prioritized funding for cancer research and has funded 46 Nobel Laureates and is the largest nongovernmental, not-for-profit funder of cancer research; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society made a connection between lung cancer and smoking in 1950 which has led to education and laws that have greatly reduced smoking rates; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society helped seek passage of the National Cancer Act of 1971 which established the National Cancer Institute and now funds billions of dollars annually for research; and

WHEREAS, the largest grassroots fundraising event in the world, Relay For Life, was launched by an American Cancer Society volunteer in 1985 and has currently raised over \$3 billion and raises \$400 million annually to fund research, education, advocacy, and service for cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the American Cancer Society opened the doors to the National Cancer Information Center which receives nearly one million calls per year seeking cancer information; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 American Cancer Society researchers linked obesity to most types of cancer and concluded the impact in 14% of cancers in men and 20% of cancers in women; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 for the first time in history, the actual number of cancer deaths in the United States declined thanks in large part to the American Cancer Society's groundbreaking work in cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society and its advocacy affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, were successful in gaining support and passage of Food and Drug Administration regulation over tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the American Cancer Society reported cancer death rates declined by 20% which equates to 1.2 million lives saved; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2013, the American Cancer Society will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature extends special recognition to the American Cancer Society in celebration of their 100th anniversary.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the High Plains Division of the American Cancer Society.