

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 25

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 84

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 25—Relative to breast cancer research.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 25, Baca. Breast cancer research.

This measure would urge Congress and the President to enact the Breast-Cancer Research Stamp Act of 1997 to create a new first-class postage stamp which would be offered to patrons on a voluntary basis at 1¢ above the rate that would otherwise apply from the sale of each stamp to be expended for breast cancer research.

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common malignancy found in women and the most common cause of cancer-related death in women 15 to 54 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women, with one in every eight women likely to develop breast cancer in her lifetime, and 183,400 new diagnoses of breast cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 46,240 women died from breast cancer in 1996, with five new diagnoses and one death occurring every 15 minutes in the United States, and worldwide, every 30 seconds a new diagnosis of breast cancer and a death as a result of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, The cause or causes of breast cancer have not been identified and no cure is available at this time, which demonstrates that more intense research is needed to improve care and treatment and to find a cure for this dreadful disease; and

WHEREAS, The Congress has introduced bills in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, S.R. 1937 and H.R. 3401 and most recently H.R. 407 (January 9, 1997), which would create a new first-class postage stamp at a rate of one cent (\$0.01) above the first-class postage rate charged which would be offered to postal patrons on a voluntary basis as an alternative to the rate that would otherwise apply; and

WHEREAS, The amounts attributable to the one cent (\$0.01) differential established under the Breast-Cancer Research Stamp Act of 1997 would be paid by the United States Postal Service to the National Institutes of Health under arrangements by which these agencies mutually agree to carry out the purposes of the act; and

WHEREAS, The Cure Breast Cancer postage stamp has received strong support and endorsements from Members of Congress, breast cancer research organizations, corporations, medical associations, voluntary organizations, and state-elected officials, leading to the introduction of the Breast-Cancer Research Stamp Act of 1997 to create the Cure Breast Cancer postal stamp donation program; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the Congress and the President to enact H.R. 407 (January 9, 1997), the Breast-Cancer Research Stamp Act of 1997, to create the Cure Breast Cancer Research Postage Stamp and memorialize the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service to implement this voluntary program to supplement the funds available for breast cancer research; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

