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DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2012 "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS DAY" IN THE SENATE AND RECOGNIZING THE PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK FOR ITS ADVOCACY TO ADVANCE RESEARCH, SUPPORT PATIENTS AND CREATE HOPE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY PANCREATIC CANCER.

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the nation's fourth leading cause of cancer-related death and presents a major threat to the nation's health; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the only cancer among the top ten fatal cancers in the United States with a five-year survival rate in the single digits; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer has not changed significantly in forty years; and

WHEREAS, there are no reliable early detection methods and very few effective treatment options for pancreatic cancer; and

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1           WHEREAS, there is insufficient funding of pancreatic  
2 cancer research; and

3           WHEREAS, there is no dedicated national research strategy  
4 to build the scientific knowledge and collaboration necessary  
5 to speed progress in the detection and treatment of pancreatic  
6 cancer; and

7           WHEREAS, a sustained commitment of private investment in  
8 research and life-saving government investment in a dedicated  
9 national strategy to better diagnose, treat and cure pancreatic  
10 cancer is needed; and

11           WHEREAS, there is a need for increased patient  
12 participation in clinical trials in order to advance research  
13 and make progress in pancreatic cancer treatment; and

14           WHEREAS, it is essential for those facing a pancreatic  
15 cancer diagnosis to consider clinical trials when exploring  
16 treatment options; and

17           WHEREAS, the pancreatic cancer action network is a  
18 nationwide network of people dedicated to working together to  
19 advance research, support patients and create hope for those  
20 affected by pancreatic cancer; and

21           WHEREAS, the pancreatic cancer action network's vision is  
22 to double the pancreatic cancer survival rate by 2020; and

23           WHEREAS, November is "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"  
24 and January 2012 has been designated "Pancreatic Cancer  
25 Clinical Trials Awareness Month";

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