



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming November 2013 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading
3 cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a
4 five-year relative survival rate in the single digits; and

5 Whereas, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer generally present themselves,
6 it is often too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average survival rate is only
7 five to seven months; and

8 Whereas, the incidence of and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing,
9 and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading
10 cause of cancer death in the United States by 2020; and

11 Whereas, the federal government invests significantly less money in pancreatic
12 cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers, and pancreatic
13 cancer research constitutes only approximately 2 percent of the National Cancer
14 Institute's federal research funding, a figure far too low given the severity of the
15 disease, its mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it; and

