

Rep. Ebli offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 202.

A resolution recognizing October 2007 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, October has long been recognized across America as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to raise public awareness about the importance of early detection; and

Whereas, Over 2,290,000 Americans are currently struggling with breast cancer; and

Whereas, According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, breast cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Michigan and the most frequently diagnosed among Michigan women; and

Whereas, Since the inception of Breast Cancer Awareness month, mammography use across America has doubled, and breast cancer death rates have declined; and

Whereas, The five year survival rate among women whose breast cancer has not spread beyond the breast at the time of diagnosis is 98.1 percent; and

Whereas, Even with impressive progress, many women do not utilize mammography at regular intervals, despite the fact that mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt, and that breast cancer deaths could decline further if all women age 40 and older received mammograms at regular intervals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize October 2007 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Michigan; be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body urge all Michiganians to use this month as an opportunity to educate themselves about breast cancer and take proactive steps to reduce their risk and get appropriate screening.