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Honoring the life and service of breast cancer advocate, Stefanie Spielman.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 2009

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and service of breast cancer advocate,
Stefanie Spielman.

Whereas Stefanie Spielman, a tremendous advocate and a true champion for the cause of breast cancer research, passed away on November 19, 2009, after a decade-long battle with breast cancer;

Whereas despite her constant battle with her own illness, Stefanie showed grace and compassion for others, touching countless lives in Ohio and beyond;

Whereas Stefanie tirelessly advocated for additional research into the prevention and treatment of breast cancer, and along with her husband, Chris, founded the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James

Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute shortly after her diagnosis;

Whereas Stefanie and Chris later established the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Patient Assistance, which to date has generated more than \$6,500,000 to help translate laboratory discoveries into effective treatments for breast cancer patients;

Whereas Stefanie served as an active and vital member of the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute Foundation Board;

Whereas Stefanie was actively engaged in advocacy issues, including Ohio Mammography Day, which received the strong support of former Ohio First Lady Janet Voinovich and was designated by the Ohio General Assembly as the third Thursday in October;

Whereas in 2000, Stefanie and Chris established “Stefanie’s Champions” to honor one of the most important factors in cancer treatment – the loving and healing presence of a devoted caregiver;

Whereas Stefanie gave the first Champion award to her beloved husband after Chris put his professional football career on hold to care for her when she was first treated; and

Whereas Stefanie was a loving mother to her 4 children:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) acknowledges the outstanding achievements
3 and profound impact of Stefanie Spielman in the
4 fight against breast cancer;

- 1 (2) commends Stefanie for her commitment to
2 caring for others suffering from breast cancer; and
3 (3) celebrates her life as a wife, mother, and
4 advocate for breast cancer awareness, research, and
5 treatment.

