

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4710, by Representatives Santos, Upthegrove, Sells, Morrell, McCoy, Loomis, Linville, Kenney, Hunter, Hunt, Hasegawa, Green, Ericks, Eddy, Appleton, Nelson, and Jarrett

WHEREAS, A groundbreaking new report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) confirms the importance of meeting cancer patients' social, emotional, and psychological needs as part of their overall medical treatment of cancer; and

WHEREAS, Psychological and social support are essential parts of cancer care; and

WHEREAS, The IOM Committee set forth a standard to guide the improvement of all cancer care at the clinical level, and that all cancer care practices should have mechanisms in place to ensure that appropriate psychological and social health services are provided; and

WHEREAS, The IOM Committee recommended that the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and all other organizations that set standards for cancer care adopt this standard and incorporate psychological and social health into their research topics, policies, protocols, and standards; and

WHEREAS, Gilda's Club Seattle was founded to provide social and emotional support for anyone touched by cancer; and

WHEREAS, Gilda's Club Seattle is a leader in this area, offering a unique environment to share information and coping strategies through a variety of classes, workshops, and activities; and

WHEREAS, The inspiration for such a community evolved from Gilda Radner's heartfelt wish that no one should face cancer alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Gilda's Club Seattle for its never-ending effort to ensure that all cancer patients and their families are aware of these new standards and know that support exists behind their bright red doors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Gilda's Club Seattle.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4710 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 10, 2008

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk