

**SR54, As Adopted by Senate, May 3, 2017**

Senators Warren and Casperson offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 54.**

A resolution recognizing May 3, 2017, as Suits and Sneakers® Day.

Whereas, The Coaches vs. Cancer program is a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches, leveraging the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of coaches nationwide to increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living through year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities, and advocacy programs; and

Whereas, The American Cancer Society saves lives and creates a world with more birthdays by helping people stay well, helping people get well, finding cures, and fighting back in partnership with its nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; and

Whereas, More than 57,000 Michiganders will be newly-diagnosed with cancer in 2017; and

Whereas, Cancer patients face countless challenges associated with their diagnoses, including physical, emotional, financial, and day-to-day challenges; and

Whereas, Since 1993, coaches and their supporters have raised more than \$87 million for the American Cancer Society to help make the American Cancer Society's services and programs available to those who need them the most; and

Whereas, During January 23-29, 2017, the Coaches vs. Cancer Suits And Sneakers® Awareness nationwide effort, united coaches across the country to wear sneakers with their game attire while coaching games. It also encourages lawmakers and others to similarly wear suits and sneakers to raise awareness about the fight against cancer, share the importance of nutrition and physical activity in reducing one's cancer risk, and promote the American Cancer Society as a resource for help and support; and

Whereas, the Coaches vs. Cancer Suits And Sneakers® effort saw Michigan coaches join together with their fellow coaches nationwide, as well as thousands of volunteers for the American Cancer Society and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, to advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers so that one day cancer will be eliminated as a major public health issue; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize May 3, 2017, as Suits and Sneakers® Day; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge all Michiganders to use this day as an opportunity to educate themselves about cancer and take proactive steps to reduce their risks and get appropriate screenings.