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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

2 BY REDWINE and KIBBIE

3 A Resolution designating March 6, 2001, as Lymphedema  
4 D-Day.

5 WHEREAS, lymphedema is an accumulation of lymphatic  
6 fluid that causes swelling in the arms, legs, or other  
7 areas of the body and affects both men and women; and

8 WHEREAS, the swelling caused by lymphedema can lead  
9 to severe infection or loss of the use of limbs, and  
10 patients suffering from lymphedema must endure  
11 physical discomfort and disfigurement and cope with  
12 the distress caused by these symptoms; and

13 WHEREAS, the single largest group of people who get  
14 lymphedema are cancer patients, including breast,  
15 prostate, gynecological, head, neck, and lung cancer  
16 and sarcoma and melanoma patients; and

17 WHEREAS, recent studies have indicated that 20  
18 percent of breast cancer patients will get lymphedema  
19 after surgery and radiation; and

20 WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer  
21 Institute, a reported 8.5 million Americans are living  
22 after a diagnosis of cancer, of which about 2 million  
23 are breast cancer survivors; and

24 WHEREAS, no drug or effective surgical treatment  
25 for lymphedema currently exists; and

26 WHEREAS, research in all areas of lymphedema have  
27 been notably limited; and

28 WHEREAS, lymphedema, which has no cure and can  
29 occur anytime, has a severe financial, physical, and  
30 psychological impact on patients; and

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1 WHEREAS, each year on March 6th, the National  
2 Lymphedema Network sponsors Lymphedema D-Day to honor  
3 patients and to raise awareness of the treatment and  
4 severity of this condition; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
6 designates March 6, 2001, as Lymphedema D-Day.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate encourages  
8 the citizens of Iowa to honor and support the  
9 courageous patients living and coping with this  
10 debilitating condition.

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