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DORSEY, BAJOIE TO HOST 'BEACON OF HOPE' FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

_____ Yvonne Dorsey, Speaker Pro Tempore of the LA House of Representatives and Diana Bajoie, President Pro Tempore of the LA Senate will host the first "Beacon of Hope" fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society on Wednesday, June 15 at the State Capitol.

The event will begin at 8 p.m.

The legislators said they plan to light up the Capitol steps that evening with luminaria spelling out the word "HOPE". They will be decorated with the names of those who have battled cancer – both those who have survived and those who have lost the battle.

This year nearly 23,280 cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in Louisiana. More alarming, almost 10,000 Louisianians will die from the disease this year and it is the second-leading cause of death in the United States, with one out of every three deaths attributed to it.

Dorsey and Bajoie said they, like so many others, can put a face on these statistics. Bajoie is a cancer survivor and Dorsey, at age 12, witnessed the death of her mother from lung cancer. Numerous other members of the legislature are cancer survivors and have family and friends who have fought the disease, they said and that is why they chose to sponsor the fundraising event and attempt to raise awareness.

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The goal is to raise \$10,000 to benefit preventive measures, research, and education.

In addition to the lighting of the luminaria, the event will include speakers and music by Three Tenors and a Bass, a student quartet from Southern University.

You can honor a loved one by purchasing a luminaria at the event for a minimum contribution of \$10. The contribution is tax deductible and goes directly to the American Cancer Society.

The two veteran legislators are asking the public to join them for this meaningful tribute to family, friends, and colleagues who have fought the battle against this dreadful disease. And also, to help fund the fight for a cure for the disease that has touched too many lives.

For additional information, please contact the American Cancer Society at (225) 767-7197 or 1-800-ACS-2345.

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