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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY SENATOR MARTINY

SENATE. Recognizes Monday, May 9, 2016, as Louisiana Gray Day to increase awareness of brain cancer and to encourage everyone to wear gray on that day.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To recognize Monday, May 9, 2016, as Louisiana Gray Day to increase brain cancer
3	awareness and to encourage everyone to wear gray on that day.
4	WHEREAS, brain cancer is one of the most incurable forms of cancer and has an
5	average survival period of only one to two years; and
6	WHEREAS, brain cancer strikes men, women, and children of every race and age;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, brain tumors are the second leading cause of cancer-related death in
9	children under the age of twenty; and
10	WHEREAS, approximately seventeen thousand people in the United States are
11	diagnosed with cancer that began in or near the brain every year and this category of brain
12	cancer is labeled as primary; and
13	WHEREAS, an additional one hundred thousand people in the United States are
14	diagnosed each year with brain or spinal cord cancer that began in another part of the body
15	and these cancers are labeled as secondary; and
16	WHEREAS, today, nearly seven hundred thousand people in the United States are
17	living with a primary brain tumor and approximately one hundred seventy people born today
18	will be diagnosed with brain cancer during their lifetime; and

1	WHEREAS, the most highly aggressive and deadliest form of brain cancer is
2	Glioblastoma Multiforme, known as "GBM"; and
3	WHEREAS, because the brain is essential to the central nervous system, to thought,
4	speech, emotions, vision, hearing, and movement, among many other functions, more than
5	any other cancer, brain cancer can have life-altering psychological, cognitive, behavioral and
6	physical effects; and
7	WHEREAS, the month of May is nationally recognized as brain cancer awareness
8	month and on May 9 of each year the citizens of Louisiana are encouraged to wear the color
9	gray to raise brain cancer awareness; and
10	WHEREAS, recognizing May 9, 2016, as Louisiana Gray Day will help to bring
11	greater awareness of brain cancer and, perhaps, prevent some deaths from brain cancer
12	through early detection; and
13	WHEREAS, in 2014, former Senator Mary Landrieu authored a resolution in the
14	United States Senate to recognize May 9, 2014, as Louisiana Gray Day partly to honor the
15	life of Gary Leingang, cut short by brain cancer, and his wife, Mona Leingang, who
16	continues the fight to raise awareness of this destructive disease; and
17	WHEREAS, as each day brings new treatments for and better detection of brain
18	cancer, it is hoped that awareness of this disease will hasten the day when this devastating
19	and life-altering disease will be curable.
20	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21	does hereby recognize Monday, May 9, 2016, as Louisiana Gray Day to increase awareness
22	of brain cancer and to encourage everyone to wear gray on that day.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
24	Mrs. Mona Leingang.

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