

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Thursday, May 4, 2017, as Dental Hygiene Day and commends the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association and to designate Thursday, May
3 4, 2017, as Dental Hygiene Day at the state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, 2017 marks the celebration of one hundred four years of the dental
5 hygiene profession, which began with the opening of the first dental hygiene school by Dr.
6 Alfred C. Fones in Bridgeport, Connecticut; and

7 WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a preventive oral health professional licensed in
8 dental hygiene who provides educational, clinical, and therapeutic services supporting total
9 health care through the promotion of optimal oral health; and

10 WHEREAS, the education of a dental hygienist emphasizes all of the basic sciences,
11 and eligibility for licensure is based upon successful completion of both a written national
12 board dental hygiene examination and a clinical state board examination; and

13 WHEREAS, dental hygienists are committed to maintaining the highest levels of
14 quality and to keeping abreast of the most advanced technology in their field; they attend
15 continuing education courses in oral health care to maintain their licenses and to ensure that
16 they provide state-of-the-art oral hygiene to their patients; and

17 WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a vital member of a complete dental team and is
18 responsible for providing treatment that helps to prevent oral disease and for educating the
19 patient on how to maintain optimal oral health; and

20 WHEREAS, for more than one hundred years, registered dental hygienists have
21 provided quality preventive oral health care to millions of American adults and children; and

1 WHEREAS, dental hygienists have also established a record of excellence in
2 providing quality care for those patients with special needs; and

3 WHEREAS, there are approximately one thousand six hundred licensed dental
4 hygienists serving the oral health care needs of the people of the state of Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as Dental Hygiene Month, focusing
6 on the preventive benefits of good oral hygiene; and

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association, along with other dental
8 professions, celebrated Children's Dental Health Month in February, which focused on the
9 needs of dental care for the children of the state of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize dental hygienists and to encourage citizens
11 to become familiar with and appreciative of the benefits of good dental hygiene.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 4, 2017, as Dental Hygiene Day in the
14 state and commends the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association and dental hygienists
15 around Louisiana for their tireless efforts in promoting good dental health for the citizens
16 of the state.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 president of the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association.

DIGEST

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