

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 201

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Scoliosis Research Society, recognize the unwavering commitment to excellence in service, and designate June 2017 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause (idiopathic), is a condition affecting two to three percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people in the United States and is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize healthcare annually, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, screening programs allow for early detection, and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and healthcare providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as Scoliosis.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members of the Scoliosis Research Society for their outstanding achievements; does hereby recognize and record for posterity their unwavering commitment to excellence in service to the citizens of the state; does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor they bring to Louisiana; and does hereby designate June 2017 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month at the state capitol.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Cindy Bishop, Louisiana Orthopaedic Association executive director.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE