

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 221

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends the Scoliosis Research Society and designates June 2017 as Scoliosis Awareness Month at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Scoliosis Research Society for its excellence in service to the citizens of  
3 Louisiana and to designate June 2017 as Scoliosis Awareness Month at the state  
4 capitol.

5 WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine; it is idiopathic, which  
6 means its cause is unknown, and it affects up to three percent of the population of the United  
7 States, an estimated seven million people; scoliosis strikes without regard to gender, race,  
8 age, or economic status; and

9 WHEREAS, approximately one of every six children diagnosed with scoliosis  
10 eventually require active medical treatment, and an estimated one million scoliosis patients  
11 receive healthcare each year; and

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

15 WHEREAS, children with scoliosis may present with the following signs and  
16 symptoms: one shoulder is higher than the other; one shoulder blade, or scapula, is higher  
17 or more prominent than the other; there is more space between the arm and the body on one  
18 side; one hip may appear higher or more prominent than the other; the head may not be  
19 exactly centered over the pelvis; and the waist may be flattened on one side, with skin  
20 creases present on one side of the waist; and

1           WHEREAS, the Scoliosis Research Society is dedicated to the investigation and  
2 treatment of spinal deformities, with an international membership of more than one thousand  
3 of the world's leading spine surgeons, researchers, physician assistants, and orthotists; it was  
4 founded in 1966 and has gained recognition as one of the world's premier spine societies;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, screening programs developed by members of the Scoliosis Research  
7 Society allow for early detection and treatment opportunities that may alleviate the worst  
8 effects of the condition, and it is appropriate to increase awareness of scoliosis in children  
9 and adults, to learn how to recognize the signs and symptoms of the disease, and to support  
10 the Scoliosis Research Society and the healthcare providers who diagnose and treat the  
11 complexities of spinal deformities resulting from scoliosis.

12           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members of the Scoliosis Research  
14 Society for their outstanding achievements in advances in scoliosis treatment; does hereby  
15 recognize and record for posterity the unwavering commitment to excellence in service to  
16 the citizens of the state; does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor  
17 the members of the Scoliosis Research Society bring to Louisiana; and does hereby  
18 designate June 2017 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month at the state capitol.

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

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#### DIGEST

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