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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Geaux for the Gold With Purpose campaign at Loyola University for working to ensure that children with pediatric cancer have access to safe and effective treatment options.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the "Geaux for the Gold With Purpose" campaign at Loyola University for
3 working to ensure that children with pediatric cancer have access to safe and
4 effective treatment options.

5 WHEREAS, the With Purpose organization launched in 2014 as an attempt to
6 advance treatment for childhood cancer and is a youth and community-led movement
7 dedicated to ensuring that children living with cancer have access to safe and effective
8 treatment options; and

9 WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death from disease among
10 children in the United States, and one out of five diagnosed with cancer will not survive; and

11 WHEREAS, for many pediatric cancers, there has been little to no advancement for
12 treatment since the 1970s; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute designates approximately four percent of
14 its research budget to all forms of childhood cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, With Purpose supports advocacy and awareness efforts that attempt to
16 persuade the National Cancer Institute to designate a higher percentage of research dollars
17 to childhood cancers; and

18 WHEREAS, too often, promising discovery research for childhood cancer is

