

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR MORRELL

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Recognizes March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day campaign at the Louisiana
3 State Capitol.

4 WHEREAS, trauma is the leading cause of death in the United States for people ages
5 one to forty-four, and the fourth leading cause of death for all ages; and

6 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana loses over four thousand citizens per year to
7 traumatic injury, a death rate that is twenty-four percent higher than that of the United States
8 as a whole; and

9 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has the highest homicide mortality rate of any
10 state in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, uncontrolled bleeding is the leading cause of preventable death from
12 traumatic injury; and

13 WHEREAS, when a person is losing blood, every minute counts, and the Stop the
14 Bleed campaign of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is informing Americans about
15 vital measures to aid trauma victims during the initial minutes after an injury; and

16 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign was created in the wake of the 2012 mass
17 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; a panel of experts was convened, among them
18 representatives of the American College of Surgeons including the late trauma surgeon

1 Dr. Norman McSwain of Louisiana; and their review led to the development of the Stop the
2 Bleed campaign; and

3 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, implementation of the program is being guided by trauma
4 surgeons and emergency physicians from University Medical Center, Tulane School of
5 Medicine, and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, including
6 members of the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and the Committee
7 on Trauma in conjunction with the Spirit of Charity Foundation; and

8 WHEREAS, because a trauma victim can bleed to death within five minutes and
9 before professional emergency care arrives, the program teaches citizens bleeding-control
10 methods developed by the military and first responders; and

11 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign also provides bleeding-control kits that
12 include such tools as tourniquets, dressings, and topical hemostatic agents that can be used
13 to provide swift assistance at the scene of a mass casualty or other incident; these kits can
14 be affixed to walls in public places, much like the cardiac defibrillators with which many
15 modern buildings are furnished; and

16 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign is empowering citizens across the country
17 and the state of Louisiana to save lives in situations when time is the difference between life
18 and death.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 does hereby recognize March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol,
21 and encourages all citizens of Louisiana to participate in the initiative, support the placement
22 of bleeding-control kits in schools and in public and private buildings, and learn more about
23 the importance of bleeding-control measures to save lives in their communities.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 Dr. Jennifer Avegno and Dr. Rebecca Schroll at Stop the Bleed, New Orleans.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.
