

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 16, 2018, as Louisiana Primary Care Association Day at the state capitol and commends LPCA

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, May 16, 2018, as Louisiana Primary Care Association Day at the
3 state capitol and to commend the Louisiana Primary Care Association for its thirty-
4 five years of service to the citizens of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, established in 1982, the Louisiana Primary Care Association, or LPCA,
6 is a membership organization of thirty-five community health centers and their supporters
7 that is committed to providing healthcare access to all Louisiana citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, the LPCA is governed by a six-person executive committee and a
9 thirty-six person board of directors, and is staffed by sixteen employees; and

10 WHEREAS, the LPCA's community-based health centers operate more than two
11 hundred fifty sites throughout the state and serve nearly 385,000 patients in over 1.4 million
12 visits a year; and

13 WHEREAS, the LPCA stresses the importance of healthcare access and promotes
14 the provision of affordable and quality primary care services to the uninsured and medically
15 underserved populations in Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, by providing innovative and cost-efficient care, Louisiana's community
17 health centers maintain the highest standards in quality and patient satisfaction; and

18 WHEREAS, the LPCA's network of providers creates 4,682 jobs in Louisiana,
19 including 128 physicians, 814 nurses, 162 mental health professionals, 186 mid-level
20 providers, and 241 dental specialists, and has a \$567 million economic impact in the state;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, the LPCA's use of the Federally Qualified Health Center model of care
2 delivery has led to \$922 million in savings to the healthcare system and \$436 million in
3 savings to Medicaid, and has generated \$70 million in local, state, and federal tax revenues;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the LPCA's community health centers emphasize wellness and
6 preventative care and offer screening for cervical and colorectal cancer, weight assessment
7 and screening, tobacco cessation programs, and immunizations; and

8 WHEREAS, the LPCA places a special emphasis on offering comprehensive care
9 and management of chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease,
10 asthma, hypertension, and obesity; and

11 WHEREAS, the LPCA partners with more than twenty-five statewide and national
12 organizations and collaborates on dozens of projects and grant opportunities; and

13 WHEREAS, the LPCA's healthcare facilities are woven deeply into the fabric of their
14 communities, and they participate in outreach and communication efforts as they strive to
15 eliminate the disparities in patient care associated with race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic
16 status.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 16, 2018, as Louisiana
19 Primary Care Association Day at the state capitol and hereby commends the Louisiana
20 Primary Care Association and its thirty-five years of service to the citizens of Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to the executive committee of the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

DIGEST

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Designates May 16, 2018, as La. Primary Care Assoc. Day at the state capitol and commends the association for its 35 years of service.