

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES