

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes June 27, 2023, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, June 27, 2023, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day.

3 WHEREAS, everyone has a right to the preservation of personal dignity; and

4 WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States deserve the investment of resources to  
5 ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

6 WHEREAS, the diagnosis known as post-traumatic stress disorder was first defined  
7 by the American Psychiatric Association in 1980 in order to more accurately understand and  
8 treat veterans who endured severe, traumatic combat stress; and

9 WHEREAS, combat stress has historically been viewed incorrectly as a mental  
10 illness caused by a pre-existing flaw of character or ability, and the word disorder carries a  
11 stigma that perpetuates this misconception; and

12 WHEREAS, referring to complications from post-traumatic stress as a disorder  
13 perpetuates the stigma of and bias against mental illness, and this stigma can discourage the  
14 injured from seeking proper and timely medical treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, through the use of electro-magnetic imaging, the medical field has  
16 demonstrated that the condition of post-traumatic stress is more accurately described as an  
17 injury; and

18 WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) is a common injury to the brain that  
19 is treatable and repairable; and

20 WHEREAS, PTSI can occur as a result of severely traumatic events, including  
21 interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents, and combat disasters; and

1           WHEREAS, destigmatizing PTSD and honoring the bravery of persons recovering  
2 from this injury can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek help  
3 without fear of retribution or shame; and

4           WHEREAS, all citizens suffering from PTSD deserve our compassion and  
5 consideration, and those who have received their wounds in action against an enemy of the  
6 United States further deserve our tribute and recognition; and

7           WHEREAS, proper and timely treatment can improve health outcomes and diminish  
8 rates of suicide among people with PTSD.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, June 27, 2023, as Post-Traumatic  
11 Stress Injury Awareness Day in Louisiana.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby urge the Louisiana  
13 Department of Health and Department of Veterans Affairs to increase efforts to educate  
14 survivors of interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents, and natural disasters;  
15 veterans and their families; and the general public about the causes, symptoms, and  
16 treatments of post-traumatic stress injury.

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