

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends BlackGirlsRun on their 15th anniversary and celebrates their efforts promoting a healthy lifestyle for African American women.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend BlackGirlsRun (BGR!), a national running organization, on their fifteenth
3 anniversary and to celebrate their efforts promoting a healthy lifestyle for African
4 American women.

5 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office
6 of Minority Health; African American women have the highest rates of being overweight
7 or obese compared to other groups in the United States, and four out of five African
8 American women are overweight or obese; and

9 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, African American women face wage earning
10 discrepancies, higher rates of poverty, increased infant and maternal mortality, increased
11 contact with the criminal justice system, and an overall lower quality of life; and

12 WHEREAS, BGR! wants to lower those statistics by creating a movement to lower
13 the number of women with chronic diseases associated with an unhealthy diet and sedentary
14 lifestyle which may contribute to higher infant and maternal mortality, less education, less
15 wage earning, higher rates of poverty, and a lower quality of life for African American
16 women; and

17 WHEREAS, a lot of excuses can be used to explain the negative statistics; however,
18 BGR! believes the excuses will never solve the epidemic, so in 2009 BGR! was created in

