

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Scott Wells for his advocacy on behalf of people with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Scott Wells on his second "Cycling for Independence" journey and for serving  
3 as a devoted and unwavering champion for people with spinal cord injuries,  
4 traumatic brain injuries, and other neurological disorders.

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Scott Wells for his extraordinary success,  
6 dauntless spirit, admirable athleticism, and unwavering determination, particularly in his  
7 second "Cycling for Independence" journey; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Wells is the president, CEO, and founder of Independence  
9 Regained Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a neurological rehabilitation  
10 hospital in north Louisiana which will facilitate the independence of others with spinal cord  
11 and traumatic brain injuries and other neurological disorders; and

12 WHEREAS, the mission of Independence Regained Inc. is "To rehabilitate, educate,  
13 and integrate people with spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, and other  
14 neurological disorders back into all aspects of an independent life", and Mr. Wells has lived  
15 this mission since 1999, when he became paralyzed in a car accident; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Wells is a United States Navy veteran, has served on the board of  
17 Think First of the ArkLaTex, and has been a member of the Academy of Spinal Cord Injury  
18 Professionals, Inc., since 2010; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2010, Mr. Wells was recognized by the greater Shreveport Chamber  
20 of Commerce as one of Shreveport's top 40 under 40 young professionals and since that year  
21 has been a distinguished member of Cambridge Who's Who; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Wells is a lifetime member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America  
2 (PVA), and in October 2010, he completed a two-hundred-fifty-mile handcycle journey from  
3 Bossier City to the state capitol in Baton Rouge; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Wells' journey, known as "Cycling for Independence", raises  
5 awareness of brain and spinal cord injuries and the need for an all-encompassing  
6 neurological rehabilitation and research hospital for spinal cord and traumatic brain injury  
7 patients; and

8           WHEREAS, on May 1, 2013, Mr. Wells will travel from Delta, Louisiana, to Airline  
9 High School in Bossier City on his second "Cycling for Independence" journey; and

10          WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,  
11 and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like  
12 Mr. Wells, a true Louisiana hero and an inspiration to all; and

13          WHEREAS, Mr. Wells has distinguished himself as an exemplary and highly  
14 admired citizen of Louisiana, and he merits a special measure of commendation for the  
15 tremendous pride, honor, and joy that he brings to the citizens of Louisiana.

16          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Scott Wells on his second "Cycling for  
18 Independence" journey and for serving as a devoted and unwavering champion for people  
19 with spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, and other neurological disorders.

20          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature  
21 of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record the extraordinary accomplishments and  
22 achievements of Scott Wells, does hereby extend enduring gratitude for the contributions he  
23 has made to his community, his family, and society, and does hereby wish him success, good  
24 health, and happiness in the future.

25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
26 to Scott Wells.

DIGEST

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