

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Tuesday, May 7, 2013, as March of Dimes Day at the La. State Capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, May 7, 2013, as March of Dimes Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

3 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was founded in 1938 by President Franklin D.
4 Roosevelt as he was inspired by his personal experience with the poliomyelitis (polio)
5 disease; and

6 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes supported the development of the polio vaccine that
7 has eradicated the disease from the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, the same polio vaccine protects babies today; and

9 WHEREAS, due in large part to the work of the March of Dimes, there has not been
10 a single outbreak of polio in our country in more than thirty years; and

11 WHEREAS, for the March of Dimes, the polio vaccine was only the beginning; and

12 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1938, the March of Dimes has helped to stamp out
13 rubella, pushed for regionalized newborn intensive care, funded the development of
14 surfactant therapy and other life-saving treatments, promoted folic acid to prevent neural
15 tube defects, and made newborn screening available to every baby; and

16 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes now coordinates a "National Prematurity
17 Campaign" for stronger, healthier babies; and

18 WHEREAS, babies in Louisiana receive screening for twenty-nine inherited
19 disorders; and

20 WHEREAS, development of the tests for four of these disorders was funded by the
21 March of Dimes; and

1 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, between sixty-two thousand and sixty-five thousand
2 babies are born annually, and over nine thousand of those babies are born prematurely each
3 year; and

4 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has helped each and every one of those babies
5 through research, education, vaccines, and breakthroughs; and

6 WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, March of Dimes volunteers and staff from
7 across the state are visiting the Louisiana State Capitol to celebrate the momentous occasion
8 of the organization's seventy-fifth anniversary, to raise awareness about the serious need to
9 protect Louisiana babies, and to advocate for policies that improve the quality of care of
10 newborns in this state.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby welcome volunteers and staff of the March of Dimes
13 and recognize Tuesday, May 7, 2013, as March of Dimes Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
15 to the state director of the March of Dimes Louisiana Chapter and the state director of
16 program services and governmental affairs of the March of Dimes Louisiana Chapter.

DIGEST

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