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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

HEALTH/DHH: Requests DHH to continue developing its "Louisiana Health Finder" website to publicize consumer-oriented information on health care providers

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to continue developing its
3 "Louisiana Health Finder" website to publicize consumer-oriented information on
4 health care providers.

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Hospitals, referred to hereafter as the
6 "department", publishes an Internet website entitled "Louisiana Health Finder"; and

7 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Louisiana Health Finder website is to provide
8 information on the cost, quality, and performance of health care providers and plans; and

9 WHEREAS, in certain respects, Louisiana Health Finder follows the format of the
10 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' online "Hospital Compare" feature, which is
11 a leading national resource for comparison of the quality and costs of health services
12 delivered in hospitals; and

13 WHEREAS, with recent and very dramatic policy shifts relative to health care,
14 including implementation of the Affordable Care Act nationally and privatization of public
15 hospitals in this state, enhancing access to consumer-oriented information on health care
16 providers has become an increasingly important priority; and

17 WHEREAS, while Louisiana Health Finder is a valuable resource for the people of
18 this state, it remains a work in progress as of the date of filing of this Resolution.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and

1 Hospitals to continue developing its "Louisiana Health Finder" website to publicize
2 consumer-oriented information on health care providers.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

DIGEST

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