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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Louisiana Dental Association and Dental Lifeline Network - Louisiana for the Donated Dental Services Program

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend the Louisiana Dental Association and Dental Lifeline Network, Louisiana's
3	Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program, for their generous donation of over nine
4	million dollars in dental treatment to people with disabilities or who are elderly or
5	medically fragile in the state of Louisiana.
6	WHEREAS, twenty-seven years ago, in 1987, Dental Lifeline Network - Louisiana
7	and the Louisiana Dental Association established the Donated Dental Services (DDS)
8	Program; and
9	WHEREAS, through the DDS Program, dentists and dental laboratories are able to
10	donate comprehensive treatment for people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically
11	fragile and who are unable to afford dental care; and
12	WHEREAS, almost three hundred thirty dentists and one hundred fifteen dental labs
13	volunteer for the DDS Program; they have treated over five thousand people with disabilities
14	or who are elderly or medically fragile with seriously neglected dental problems throughout
15	Louisiana since the program's inception; and
16	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program will reach a
17	milestone in 2014 by reaching nine million dollars in total donated dental services through
18	the generosity and benevolence of dentists and laboratories located throughout the state of
19	Louisiana; and nationally, the DDS Program has provided two hundred fifty million dollars
20	in donated dental services nationwide; and

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1 WHEREAS, the strength and success of the state of Louisiana, the vitality of the 2 state's communities, and the effectiveness of society heavily depend upon concerned and 3 devoted programs, as exemplified by the Louisiana Donated Dental Services (DDS) 4 Program. 5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and express their profound gratitude to the 7 Louisiana Dental Association, Dental Lifeline Network - Louisiana, and the hundreds of 8 DDS volunteer dentists and dental laboratories who have provided nine million dollars in 9 donated dental care to five thousand vulnerable people in Louisiana, who otherwise would 10 not receive comprehensive dental treatment. 11

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dental Lifeline Network - Louisiana and the Louisiana Dental Association.

## DIGEST

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Commends the La. Dental Association and Dental Lifeline Network - La. for the Donated Dental Services Program for dental treatment to people in La. with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile.