

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 137

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Wednesday, May 14, 2014, as Louisiana Orthopaedic Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association and to recognize Wednesday, May 14,
3 2014, as Louisiana Orthopaedic Day at the state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby
5 commends the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association for providing vital medical care and
6 services for the citizens of our state; and

7 WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association is to encourage,
8 develop, and increase knowledge and awareness of orthopaedic surgery among the
9 association's present and future members and to foster and assure the highest quality of
10 musculoskeletal health care through all of the following means:

11 (1) Education of orthopaedic surgeons, other health care practioners, and the public.

12 (2) Promotion of research concerning orthopaedic medicine.

13 (3) Effective communication with other health care professionals and the public; and

14 WHEREAS, these and other functions of the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association
15 serve to foster, develop, support, and augment charitable, scientific, and educational efforts;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the association also monitors legislation, regulations, administrative
18 rulings, and court decisions affecting the practice of orthopaedic surgery, and provides
19 timely reports with respect thereto to the association's board of directors; and

20 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association promotes high moral and ethical
21 standards, along with fellowship and good will among its members; and

1 WHEREAS, bone and joint health problems are among the most prevalent and
2 debilitating health challenges that Americans face, both in human and economic terms; and

3 WHEREAS, unencumbered access to orthopaedic care is vital to ensuring that our
4 workers, communities, and economy remain healthy and strong; and

5 WHEREAS, the indirect economic benefit for the annual number of approximately
6 six hundred thousand patients who have a total knee replacement is roughly twelve billion
7 dollars over those patients' lifetimes; and

8 WHEREAS, approximately eighty-five percent of that economic benefit is associated
9 with increased employment and earnings, with the remaining fifteen percent of the benefit
10 associated with fewer missed work days and lower disability payments; and

11 WHEREAS, for an average knee replacement, the total of all medical costs for
12 surgery and rehabilitation is slightly greater than twenty thousand dollars, but these expenses
13 are more than offset by indirect savings of over thirty-nine thousand dollars resulting from
14 that procedure; and

15 WHEREAS, the quality orthopaedic care that the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association
16 promotes is of immense value to this state.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association for
19 providing vital medical care and services and does hereby express sincere gratitude to
20 Louisiana's orthopaedic surgeons for their contributions to the health and welfare of the
21 citizens of our state.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
23 of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 14, 2014, as Louisiana Orthopaedic
24 Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
26 to the president, the executive director, and the legislative chairman of the Louisiana
27 Orthopaedic Association.

DIGEST

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