

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY SENATOR BROOME

SENATE. Recognizes April 28, 2015, as Healthy Start Day at the Louisiana Senate and commends the city of New Orleans, Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge, Crescent City WIC Services of Gretna, and Family Tree Information Education Counseling Center of Lafayette for contributions in improving the health of Louisiana moms and babies.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as "Healthy Start" Day at the Louisiana Senate and  
3 commend the City of New Orleans, Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge, Crescent  
4 City WIC Services of Gretna, and Family Tree Information Education Counseling  
5 Center of Lafayette for their contributions in improving the health of Louisiana  
6 moms and babies.

7 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Senate of the Louisiana Legislature to commend  
8 the city of New Orleans, Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge, Crescent City WIC Services  
9 of Gretna, and Family Tree Information Education Counseling Center of Lafayette for being  
10 awarded a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to  
11 operate Healthy Start programs in Louisiana; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has  
13 charged these local agencies receiving the federal grant with the task of improving access  
14 to care, promoting quality services, strengthening family resilience, and improving program  
15 accountability; and

16 WHEREAS, the goal of the Healthy Start Program is to give pregnant women the  
17 resources they need to improve their own health and the health of their babies; and

18 WHEREAS, the Health Resources and Services Administration of the United States

1 Department of Health and Human Services, which began funding fifteen Healthy Start  
 2 Initiatives in 1991, currently has over one hundred five such projects in thirty-nine states,  
 3 the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico; and

4 WHEREAS, the Healthy Start Program Infant Mortality Reduction initiative is a  
 5 valuable resource and intervention program made available to eliminate disparities in  
 6 perinatal health resulting from multiple factors including race, education, income, disability,  
 7 or living in a rural area and to reduce negative birth outcomes that directly affects the infant  
 8 mortality rate by providing home visitation, case management, outreach, health education,  
 9 and depression screening; and

10 WHEREAS, this free program, which is not based upon income, targets African  
 11 American Women, but services are provided to any eligible member residing in the targeted  
 12 parishes.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
 14 does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as "Healthy Start" Day at the Louisiana  
 15 Senate and does hereby commend the city of New Orleans, Family Road of Greater Baton  
 16 Rouge, Crescent City WIC Services of Gretna, and Family Tree Information Education  
 17 Counseling Center of Lafayette for their contributions in improving the health of Louisiana  
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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