

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as "March of Dimes Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was founded in 1938 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and supported the development of the polio vaccine which eradicated the disease from the United States; and

WHEREAS, the same polio vaccine continues to protect babies today, and through the support of the March of Dimes, there has not been a single outbreak of polio in the United States in more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, over sixty-two thousand babies are born each year, and over nine thousand of those babies are born prematurely; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has helped each and every one of those babies through extensive research, education, vaccines, and scientific discoveries; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, March of Dimes volunteers and staff from across the state are visiting the Louisiana state capitol to raise awareness about the serious need to protect Louisiana babies and to advocate for policies that improve the quality of care for Louisiana moms and babies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby welcome volunteers and staff of the March of Dimes and does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as "March of Dimes Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Louisiana citizens are hereby encouraged to support the March of Dimes in its research efforts to find the causes of preterm birth and reduce the number of birth defects, premature births, and infant mortalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state director of the March of Dimes, Louisiana Chapter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE