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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates January thirty-first of each year as Omphalocele Awareness Day in Louisiana and commends the Mothers of Omphaloceles for their advocacy efforts

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To designate January thirty-first of each year as Omphalocele Awareness Day in Louisiana
3	and to commend the Mothers of Omphaloceles for their advocacy efforts.
4	WHEREAS, an omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in pregnancy in which
5	the abdominal wall does not close properly and some or most of the abdominal organs
6	protrude on the outside of the fetus's body through the umbilical cord; and
7	WHEREAS, it is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in about one out of every
8	five thousand pregnancies and a large or giant omphalocele occurs in about one out of every
9	ten thousand pregnancies; and
10	WHEREAS, an omphalocele may be isolated or may be associated with other defects
11	or chromosomal abnormalities; and
12	WHEREAS, despite the challenges a baby born with an omphalocele may face, many
13	babies who are born with omphalocele survive and live happy and healthy lives; and
14	WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles, a group of over 1,400 parents from around
15	the world, was created to provide hope, support, and information to families with babies
16	diagnosed with an omphalocele.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18	designate January thirty-first of each year as Omphalocele Awareness Day in the state of
19	Louisiana and does hereby commend the Mothers of Omphaloceles for their extraordinary
20	advocacy efforts to raise awareness about omphalocele.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

2 to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stutes.

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