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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATORS CLAITOR AND ALARIO

HEALTH CARE. Expresses the recognition of the Louisiana Legislature on the need for colorectal cancer screening examinations.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the citizens of Louisiana to recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and schedule such examinations as deemed 3 appropriate by their physicians. 4 5 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer occurring in the 6 United States, with an estimated ninety-five thousand five hundred twenty new cases of 7 colon cancer, thirty-nine thousand nine hundred ten new cases of rectal cancer, and eight 8 thousand two hundred new cases of anal cancer occurring during 2017; and 9 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in men 10 and women, and is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in women and the second leading 11 cause of cancer deaths in men in the United States, with an estimated fifty thousand two hundred sixty deaths possible in 2017; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is one in twenty-one 14 for men and one in twenty-three for women; and WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of colorectal cancer cases are preventable 15 with routine screening examinations; and 16 WHEREAS, ninety percent of new colorectal cancer cases and ninety-five percent 17 18 of deaths attributed to colorectal cancer occur in persons over the age of fifty; and

1	WHEREAS, current screening guidelines recommend that all those persons aged
2	fifty and older obtain routine screening examinations; and
3	WHEREAS, screening guidelines recommend colorectal examinations starting at an
4	earlier age if there is a family history or symptoms of colorectal cancer are experienced; and
5	WHEREAS, less than thirty percent of those for whom colorectal screening
6	examinations are recommended are scheduling such diagnostic examinations; and
7	WHEREAS, colorectal specialists provide state-of-the-art surgical treatment for
8	colorectal cancer; and
9	WHEREAS, colorectal specialists work in conjunction with oncologists, radiologists,
10	and other medical professionals to provide the most appropriate and beneficial medical
11	treatment, resulting in optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients.
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13	recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and lifesaving
14	efforts by colorectal specialists.
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
16	Louisianians to recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening
17	examinations and to schedule colorectal screening examinations as deemed appropriate by
18	their physicians.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further recognizes
20	the critical role of colorectal specialists, oncologists, and radiologists in providing the
21	optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients in Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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