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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association and to designate Thursday, May 4, 2017, as Dental Hygiene Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, 2017 marks the celebration of one hundred four years of the dental hygiene profession, which began with the opening of the first dental hygiene school by Dr. Alfred C. Fones in Bridgeport, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a preventive oral health professional licensed in dental hygiene who provides educational, clinical, and therapeutic services supporting total health care through the promotion of optimal oral health; and

WHEREAS, the education of a dental hygienist emphasizes all of the basic sciences, and eligibility for licensure is based upon successful completion of both a written national board dental hygiene examination and a clinical state board examination; and

WHEREAS, dental hygienists are committed to maintaining the highest levels of quality and to keeping abreast of the most advanced technology in their field; they attend continuing education courses in oral health care to maintain their licenses and to ensure that they provide state-of-the-art oral hygiene to their patients; and

WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a vital member of a complete dental team and is responsible for providing treatment that helps to prevent oral disease and for educating the patient on how to maintain optimal oral health; and

WHEREAS, for more than one hundred years, registered dental hygienists have provided quality preventive oral health care to millions of American adults and children; and

WHEREAS, dental hygienists have also established a record of excellence in providing quality care for those patients with special needs; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately one thousand six hundred licensed dental hygienists serving the oral health care needs of the people of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as Dental Hygiene Month, focusing on the preventive benefits of good oral hygiene; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association, along with other dental professions, celebrated Children's Dental Health Month in February, which focused on the needs of dental care for the children of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize dental hygienists and to encourage citizens to become familiar with and appreciative of the benefits of good dental hygiene.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 4, 2017, as Dental Hygiene Day in the state and commends the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association and dental hygienists around Louisiana for their tireless efforts in promoting good dental health for the citizens of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES