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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS AND SENATOR RISER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes June 2017 as Apert Awareness Month

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To recognize June 2017 as Apert Awareness Month in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, Apert syndrome causes abnormal growth of several bones in the body,
4	primarily the skull, midface, hands, and feet; and
5	WHEREAS, in Apert syndrome, the newborn child's "plates" that normally fuse to
6	create the skull fuse too early, restricting brain growth and causing increased pressure in the
7	brain as it grows, a condition known as craniosynostosis; and
8	WHEREAS, one of the single most common identifying features of Apert syndrome
9	is the fusion of the fingers and toes; and
10	WHEREAS, Apert syndrome is a result of genetic mutation, and can be inherited
11	from a parent who has Apert's, or may be a fresh, sporadic mutation; it occurs in
12	approximately 1 per 160,000 to 200,000 live births; and
13	WHEREAS, the treatment of a child born with Apert syndrome is complex and is
14	best provided by comprehensive craniofacial teams at major centers; treatment generally
15	consists of multiple surgeries during the child's developmental years; and
16	WHEREAS, the Ellis Malone Foundation was created to raise awareness and provide
17	medical-related financial assistance to Apert families in the Concordia Parish region; and
18	WHEREAS, the organization is named after Ellis Malone, born in April 2012, who
19	is an active Louisiana resident in Concordia Parish who suffers from Apert syndrome, and
20	who enjoys socializing, ballet, playing with her friends, brothers, and cousins, and reading;
21	and

WHEREAS, the Ellis Malone Foundation has declared June to be Apert Awareness

- 2 Month.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- 4 recognize June 2017 as Apert Awareness Month in Louisiana and encourages the citizens
- 5 of Louisiana to educate themselves about Apert syndrome and provide assistance to the
- 6 children and families who are affected by this syndrome.
- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 8 to the president of the Ellis Malone Foundation.

## **DIGEST**

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