

1 WHEREAS, referring to the complications from post-traumatic stress as a disorder
2 perpetuates the stigma of and bias against mental illness, and this stigma can discourage the
3 injured from seeking proper and timely medical treatment; and

4 WHEREAS, destigmatizing PTSI and honoring the bravery of persons recovering
5 from this injury can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek help
6 without fear of retribution or shame; and

7 WHEREAS, proper and timely treatment can improve health outcomes and diminish
8 rates of suicide among people with PTSI; and

9 WHEREAS, all citizens suffering from PTSI deserve our compassion and
10 consideration, and those who have received their wounds in action against an enemy of the
11 United States further deserve our tribute and recognition.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 recognize the month of June 2018 as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month and
14 does hereby recognize June 27, 2018, as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in
15 Louisiana;

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby urge the Louisiana
17 Department of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase efforts to educate
18 survivors of abuse, crime, and natural disaster; service members; veterans and their families;
19 and the general public about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of post-traumatic stress
20 injury.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 governor of Louisiana, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the
23 secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DIGEST

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