

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 9, 2018, as March of Dimes Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, May 9, 2018, as March of Dimes Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was founded in 1938 by President Franklin D.
4 Roosevelt; and

5 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes supported the development of the polio vaccine
6 which eradicated the disease from the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the same polio vaccine continues to protect babies today, and through
8 the support of the March of Dimes, there has not been a single outbreak of polio in the
9 United States in more than thirty years; and

10 WHEREAS, preterm birth is the number one killer of newborn babies in the first
11 month of life; and

12 WHEREAS, over half a million babies are born preterm every year in the United
13 States, including 7,982 in Louisiana in 2016, a number that represents 12.6% of all births in
14 the state; and

15 WHEREAS, Louisiana recently received an "F" grade for its performance in
16 preventing preterm births because one in eight babies are born preterm in the state; and

17 WHEREAS, Caddo Parish has the worst preterm birth rate in the nation; 17.0% of
18 Louisiana's preterm births occur in this parish; and

19 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, March of Dimes volunteers and staff from
20 across the state are visiting the state capitol to raise awareness about the serious problem of

1 preterm birth and to advocate for policies that improve the quality of care for Louisiana
2 moms and babies; and

3 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is leading a statewide and national effort to save
4 babies from preterm birth by funding research, supporting programs that help families with
5 a newborn in intensive care, and by advocating for funding for newborn screening, anti-
6 tobacco policies, and neonatal abstinence syndrome policies.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby welcome volunteers and staff of the March of Dimes
9 and does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 9, 2018, as March of Dimes Day at the state
10 capitol.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Louisiana citizens are hereby encouraged to
12 support the March of Dimes in its efforts to reduce the number of preterm births and to assist
13 newborns and their families.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
15 to the state director of the March of Dimes, Louisiana Chapter.

DIGEST

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