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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 240

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

HEALTH/LDH: Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to raise awareness about the risks posed by atrial fibrillation and stroke

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to raise awareness concerning the
3 risks posed by atrial fibrillation and stroke.

4 WHEREAS, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, atrial
5 fibrillation is the most common type of arrhythmia; and

6 WHEREAS, while an estimated two million seven hundred thousand to six million
7 one hundred thousand people in the United States have atrial fibrillation, this number is
8 expected to increase with the aging of the population; and

9 WHEREAS, risk factors for atrial fibrillation include high blood pressure, heart
10 failure, diabetes, advanced age, hyperthyroidism, and heart disease; and

11 WHEREAS, those with atrial fibrillation have a risk of stroke that is four times
12 greater than those without, and strokes caused by complications from atrial fibrillation tend
13 to be more severe than strokes with other underlying causes; and

14 WHEREAS, stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States resulting
15 in one person in the United States dying from stroke every four minutes; and

16 WHEREAS, stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability and stroke survivors
17 are most likely to become disabled and experience difficulties with daily living and
18 activities; and

19 WHEREAS, the total annual cost of stroke in the United States is thirty-four billion
20 dollars, which includes direct healthcare costs and lost productivity; and

1 WHEREAS, atrial fibrillation is a serious health issue deserving attention from state
2 health officials; and

3 WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of atrial fibrillation and its
4 complications can improve the likelihood that people with atrial fibrillation will seek the
5 treatment they need before suffering from devastating consequences.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
8 to raise awareness about the risks posed by atrial fibrillation and stroke, as well as the
9 availability of treatment options.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
11 to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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