

1 WHEREAS, this legislation gained broad support but was ultimately limited by a
2 lack of data concerning the impact of COVID-19 on the public sector workforce that was
3 necessary to determine the cost associated with the bill, which advanced from the House to
4 the Senate but did not achieve final passage; and

5 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the legislature that the healthcare workers of our state,
6 whether they be public sector or private sector employees, have been called upon to do the
7 hardest work of all in the COVID-19 pandemic, and that these workers have shown
8 incredible bravery in doing their jobs; and

9 WHEREAS, though people who work in healthcare settings and other essential
10 workers can never be repaid in full for their sacrifices in helping us through these
11 extraordinary times, the legislature intends to find some means to recognize and honor the
12 courageous workers who cared for the sick in public healthcare settings during the COVID-
13 19 pandemic and lost their own lives to that disease.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to conduct a study of the impact of
16 COVID-19 on the public sector workforce of this state.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study called for in this Resolution shall focus
18 particularly, though not exclusively, on the impact of COVID-19 on employees of public
19 healthcare facilities.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall report
21 findings from the study called for in this Resolution to the legislature on or before February
22 1, 2022.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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