

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes June 27, 2021, as Post-traumatic Stress  
Injury Awareness Day in Louisiana

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize June 27, 2021, as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, all people have a right to the preservation of their personal dignity; and

4 WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States deserve the investment of resources to  
5 ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

6 WHEREAS, the diagnosis known as post-traumatic stress disorder was first defined  
7 by the American Psychiatric Association in 1980 in order to more accurately understand and  
8 treat veterans who endured severe, traumatic combat stress; and

9 WHEREAS, combat stress has historically been viewed incorrectly as a mental  
10 illness caused by a pre-existing flaw of character or ability, and the word disorder carries a  
11 stigma that perpetuates this misconception; and

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

15 WHEREAS, through the use of electro-magnetic imagining, the medical field has  
16 demonstrated that the condition of post-traumatic stress is more accurately described as an  
17 injury; and

18 WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) is a common injury to the brain that  
19 is treatable and repairable; and

20 WHEREAS, PTSI can occur as a result of severely traumatic events, including  
21 interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents, and natural disasters; and

1           WHEREAS, destigmatizing PTSD and honoring the bravery of persons recovering  
2 from this injury can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek help  
3 without fear of retribution or shame; and

4           WHEREAS, all citizens suffering from PTSD deserve our compassion and  
5 consideration, and those who have received their wounds in action against an enemy of the  
6 United States further deserve our tribute and recognition; and

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

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 recognize June 27, 2021, as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in Louisiana.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby urge the Louisiana  
12 Department of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase efforts to educate  
13 survivors of interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents, and natural disasters,  
14 veterans and their families, and the general public about the causes, symptoms, and  
15 treatments of post-traumatic stress injury.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
17 governor of Louisiana and the secretary of state.

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DIGEST

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