

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 19, 2022, as Schizencephaly Awareness Day in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Thursday, May 19, 2022, as Schizencephaly Awareness Day in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, schizencephaly is an extremely rare developmental birth defect
4 characterized by abnormal slits, or clefts, in the cerebral hemispheres of the brain; and

5 WHEREAS, some babies with schizencephaly have clefts in both hemispheres of the
6 brain, otherwise called bilateral clefts, and these babies commonly have developmental
7 delays, delays in speech and language skills, and problems with brain-spinal cord
8 communication; and

9 WHEREAS, other babies with schizencephaly have clefts in only one side of the
10 body, otherwise called unilateral clefts, and these babies are often paralyzed on one side of
11 the body, but may have average to near-average intelligence; and

12 WHEREAS, individuals with schizencephaly may also have an abnormally small
13 head, cognitive delay and impairment, partial or complete paralysis, or poor muscle tone;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, most individuals with schizencephaly will experience seizures, and
16 some people with the condition may have an excessive accumulation of fluid in the brain
17 called hydrocephalus; and

18 WHEREAS, the prognosis for individuals with schizencephaly varies depending on
19 the size of the clefts and the extent of neurological disabilities; and

20 WHEREAS, in general, treatment for schizencephaly consists of physical therapy
21 and drugs to prevent seizures; and

1 WHEREAS, in cases of schizencephaly that are complicated by hydrocephalus,
2 treatment often consists of a surgically implanted tube, called a shunt, that is used to divert
3 fluid to another area of the body where it can be absorbed; and

4 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the House of Representatives to raise
5 awareness of the need to prevent or treat developmental brain defects such as
6 schizencephaly.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 19, 2022, as Schizencephaly
9 Awareness Day in Louisiana and hereby calls upon all citizens of the state of Louisiana to
10 raise awareness about schizencephaly.

DIGEST

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