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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

HEALTH: Urges the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission to have automated external defibrillators on its premises

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission to have
3	automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on its premises.
4	WHEREAS, R.S. 40:1137.1 et seq. encourage greater acquisition, deployment, and
5	use of AEDs in the state of Louisiana; and
6	WHEREAS, according to an article by Cardiovascular Business, statistics show that
7	AED devices are most beneficial for patient survival; and
8	WHEREAS, early treatment with an AED can change outcomes drastically,
9	especially when used before emergency medical service personnel arrives; and
10	WHEREAS, the Cardiovascular Business article further states that AED devices have
11	been proven to save lives in public places and places of business; and
12	WHEREAS, an article by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
13	states that heart disease death rates are higher in the southwest and northeast regions of
14	Louisiana; and
15	WHEREAS, according to the CDC article, heart disease is the leading cause of
16	deaths for Louisiana residents; and
17	WHEREAS, the New Orleans Recreation Development (NORD) Commission is an
18	organization that provides activities, classes, and other programs for recreation centers; and
19	WHEREAS, the NORD Commission oversees numerous playgrounds, parks, and
20	recreational facilities and makes a host of activities and programs available to the residents
21	of New Orleans, including swim lessons, senior dance fitness, youth camp, and sewing; and

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1	WHEREAS, because of its large number of parks and facilities and the vast array of
2	activities and programs the NORD Commission offers, it is imperative that the commission
3	be prepared to address all kinds of medical emergencies; and
4	WHEREAS, currently, the NORD Commission is not required to have and maintain
5	AEDs on its premises; and
6	WHEREAS, it is the duty of Louisiana legislators to ensure that residents of the state
7	have sufficient access to efficient, life-saving medical equipment in as many ways as
8	possible.
9	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10	urge and request the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission to acquire and
11	maintain automated external defibrillators on its premises for medical emergencies.
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13	chief executive officer of the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission.
	DIGEST

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