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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HEALTH CARE. Urges and requests the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to include monoclonal antibodies for RSV within the federal Vaccines for Children program.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to include monoclonal
3	antibodies for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) within the federal Vaccines for
4	Children program.
5	WHEREAS, RSV is a highly transmissible, seasonal virus which may have severe
6	and unpredictable outcomes for infants, including hospitalization; and
7	WHEREAS, nearly all children will be infected with RSV by the age of two, and
8	most infants requiring hospitalization were previously healthy and born at term; and
9	WHEREAS, RSV is the leading cause of hospitalization among infants in the United
10	States; and
11	WHEREAS, RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis (inflammation of the
12	small airways in the lungs) and pneumonia (infection of the lungs) in children younger than
13	one year of age in the United States; and
14	WHEREAS, the most recent RSV season has resulted in significant morbidity and
15	increased mortality; and
16	WHEREAS, RSV disproportionally affects infants with Medicaid coverage and
17	Native Americans; and
18	WHEREAS, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program

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1	that provides	vaccines at no cost to	o children who	o might not	otherwise b	be vaccinated	because

2 of an inability to pay; and

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- WHEREAS, VFC coverage is critical to ensure equity and ensure high uptake to
- 4 have the greatest impact on disease burden.
- 5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
- 6 does hereby urge and request the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to include

7 monoclonal antibodies for RSV within the federal Vaccines for Children program.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

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