

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

HEALTH CARE. Expresses the sense of the Louisiana Legislature on the need for colorectal cancer screening examinations.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request that the citizens of Louisiana recognize the life-saving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and schedule such examinations as deemed appropriate by their physicians.

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer occurring in the United States, with an estimated ninety-six thousand eight hundred thirty new cases of colon cancer and forty thousand new cases of rectal cancer occurring during 2014; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second most common cause of cancer deaths, with an estimated fifty thousand three hundred ten deaths possible in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is one in twenty; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of colorectal cancer cases is preventable with routine screening examinations; and

WHEREAS, current screening guidelines recommend that all those persons aged fifty and older obtain routine screening examinations; and

WHEREAS, screening guidelines recommend colorectal examinations starting at an earlier age if there is a family history or symptoms of colorectal cancer are experienced; and

WHEREAS, less than thirty percent of those for whom colorectal screening examinations are recommended are scheduling such diagnostic examinations; and

1 WHEREAS, colorectal specialists provide state-of-the-art surgical treatment for
2 colorectal cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, colorectal specialists work in conjunction with oncologists, radiologists,
4 and other medical professionals to provide the most appropriate and beneficial medical
5 treatment, resulting in optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 recognize the life-saving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and life-
8 saving efforts by colorectal specialists.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
10 Louisianians to recognize the life-saving benefits of routine colorectal screening
11 examinations and to schedule colorectal screening examinations as deemed appropriate by
12 their physicians.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further recognizes
14 the critical role of colorectal specialists, oncologists, and radiologists, in providing the
15 optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients in Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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