Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

HEALTH/CANCER: Provides for the Louisiana Colorectal Cancer Roundtable to be coordinated by the School of Public Health of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To authorize and request the School of Public Health of the Louisiana State University
3	Health Sciences Center at New Orleans to coordinate an initiative to be known as the
4	Louisiana Colorectal Cancer Roundtable and to report findings concerning colorectal
5	cancer prevention efforts to the legislature annually.
6	WHEREAS, Louisiana has the second highest rate of diagnosis of colorectal cancer
7	in the United States and the fourth highest death rate from this form of cancer; and
8	WHEREAS, reliable estimates indicate that on an annual basis more than two
9	thousand three hundred individuals in Louisiana are diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and
10	more than eight hundred sixty individuals die from the disease; and
11	WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer because
12	screening tests find polyps that can be removed before becoming cancerous; and
13	WHEREAS, screening tests can detect colorectal cancer early in its progression when
14	treatment works best; and
15	WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that if every
16	person aged fifty or older had regular screening tests, as many as sixty percent of deaths
17	from colorectal cancer could be prevented; and
18	WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for patients with localized colorectal cancer
19	is ninety percent, but only thirty-nine percent of all diagnoses occur at this stage; and

1	WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening can effectively reduce incidence of and
2	mortality from this form of cancer, yet one in three adults between the ages of fifty and
3	seventy-five are not up to date with their recommended screening; and
4	WHEREAS, educational efforts can help convey valuable information to the public
5	concerning methods of prevention and screening, as well as about symptoms for early
6	detection; and
7	WHEREAS, the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is encouraging groups to
8	take an "eighty percent by 2018" pledge to commit to efforts aimed at increasing the number
9	of people screened for colorectal cancer and eliminating colorectal cancer as a major public
10	health problem.
11	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12	authorize and request the School of Public Health of the Louisiana State University Health
13	Sciences Center at New Orleans to coordinate an initiative to be known as the Louisiana
14	Colorectal Cancer Roundtable.
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the roundtable shall report findings concerning
16	colorectal cancer prevention efforts in this state in the form of a written report to the
17	legislature on or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby affirm
19	the commitment of this state to the goals of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable's
20	"eighty percent by 2018" initiative.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22	dean of the School of Public Health of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
23	at New Orleans.

DIGEST

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