

1 WHEREAS, tobacco advertising plays an important role in encouraging young
2 people to begin a lifelong addiction to smoking before they are old enough to fully
3 understand its long-term health risk; and

4 WHEREAS, as small business entrepreneurships, independent community
5 pharmacies are dynamic, multidimensional healthcare providers who play a critical role in
6 Louisiana's healthcare delivery system; and

7 WHEREAS, with a strong foundation in its communities, independent community
8 pharmacies lead grass roots public health, civic, and volunteer initiatives and, as such,
9 represent a vital resource; and

10 WHEREAS, some Louisiana independent community pharmacies have made the
11 decision not to sell cigarettes and other tobacco products in support of the health and well-
12 being of their customers; and

13 WHEREAS, CVS Caremark has announced that it will stop selling cigarettes and
14 other tobacco products at its more than seven thousand six hundred pharmacy stores across
15 the United States by October 1, 2014, making CVS Caremark the first national pharmacy
16 chain to take this step; and

17 WHEREAS, the decision of a pharmacy to stop selling tobacco products is consistent
18 with the positions taken by the American Medical Association, American Heart Association,
19 American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, and American Pharmacists
20 Association that have all publicly opposed tobacco sales in retail outlets with pharmacies.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 commend CVS Caremark and Louisiana independent community pharmacies for their efforts
23 towards reducing the rate of chronic illness associated with tobacco use by making the
24 decision not to sell cigarettes and other tobacco products in support of the health and well-
25 being of their customers.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
27 to the president and chief executive officer of CVS Caremark and the chairman of the board
28 of directors of the Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association.

DIGEST

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