

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129

BY SENATOR MORRISH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association and to recognize Wednesday, May 14, 2014, as Louisiana Orthopaedic Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association (LOA) is to encourage, develop, and increase the knowledge of orthopaedic surgery among the members and future members of the LOA and to foster and assure the highest quality musculoskeletal health care through education of orthopaedic surgeons, other health care professionals and the public; promotion of research; and communication with other professionals and the public; and

WHEREAS, these and other purposes of the LOA exclusively are to foster, develop, support and augment charitable, scientific or educational activities and to monitor legislation, regulations, administrative rulings, and court decisions affecting the practice of orthopaedic surgery, and provide timely reports with respect thereto to the board of directors and to promote high moral and ethical standards, together with fellowship and goodwill among its members; and

WHEREAS, bone and joint health problems are among the most prevalent and debilitating health challenges that Americans face, both in human and economic terms and unencumbered access to orthopaedic care is the key to ensuring that our workers, communities, and economy remain healthy and strong; and

WHEREAS, the indirect economic benefit for the approximately six hundred thousand patients annually who have total knee replacement is about \$12 billion over the lifetime of those patients; and

WHEREAS, about eighty-five percent of those savings are associated with increased employment and earnings; the remaining fifteen percent are linked to fewer missed work days and lower disability payments; and

WHEREAS, the increased direct costs for a knee replacement (e.g., all medical costs for surgery and rehabilitation) averaged \$20,704, but these expenses are more than offset by indirect savings equal to \$39,697.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association for providing vital medical care and services for Louisiana citizens and does hereby express sincere and heartfelt gratitude to orthopaedic surgeons for their contributions to the health and welfare of Louisiana citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 14, 2014, as Louisiana Orthopaedic Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to Dr. Daniel Gallagher, President of the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association, Cindy Bishop, Executive Director, and Dr. Clark Gunderson, Legislative Chairman.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE