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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Thursday, April 7, 2016, as Dental Hygiene Day and commends the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association

A RESOLUTION

2	To designate Thursday, April 7, 2016, as Dental Hygiene Day at the state capitol, to
3	commend the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association, and to celebrate one
4	hundred three years of the dental hygiene profession.
5	WHEREAS, 2016 marks the celebration of one hundred three years of the dental
6	hygiene profession, which began with the opening of the first dental hygiene school by Dr.
7	Alfred C. Fones in Bridgeport, Connecticut; and
8	WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a preventive oral health professional licensed in
9	dental hygiene who provides educational, clinical, and therapeutic services supporting total
10	oral health care through the promotion of optimal oral health; and
11	WHEREAS, the education of a dental hygienist emphasizes all of the basic sciences,
12	and eligibility for licensure is based upon successful completion of both a written national
13	board dental hygiene examination and a clinical state board examination; and
14	WHEREAS, dental hygienists are committed to maintaining the highest levels of
15	quality care and to keeping abreast of the most advanced technology in their field; they
16	attend continuing education courses in oral health care to maintain their licenses and to
17	ensure that they provide state-of-the-art oral hygiene to their patients; and
18	WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a vital member of a complete dental team and is
19	responsible for providing treatment that helps to prevent oral disease and for educating the
20	patient on how to maintain optimal oral health; and

1	WHEREAS, registered dental hygienists provide quality preventive oral health care
2	to millions of American adults and children; and
3	WHEREAS, dental hygienists have also established a record of excellence in
4	providing quality care for those patients with special needs; and
5	WHEREAS, there are approximately one thousand six hundred licensed dental
6	hygienists serving the oral health care needs of the people of the state of Louisiana; and
7	WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as Dental Hygiene Month, focusing
8	on the preventive benefits of good oral hygiene; and
9	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association, along with other dental
10	professions, celebrate Children's Dental Health Month in February, which focuses on the
11	needs of dental care for the children of the state of Louisiana; and
12	WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize dental hygienists and to encourage citizens
13	to become familiar with and appreciative of the benefits of good dental hygiene.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Thursday, April 7, 2016, as Dental Hygiene
16	Day at the state capitol; does hereby commend the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association
17	and dental hygienists in Louisiana for their tireless efforts in promoting good dental health
18	for the citizens of the state; and does hereby celebrate one hundred three years of the dental
19	hygiene profession.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21	to the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association.

DIGEST

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Designates April 7, 2016, as Dental Hygiene Day at the state capitol, commends the La. Dental Hygienists' Association, and celebrates 103 years of the dental hygiene profession.