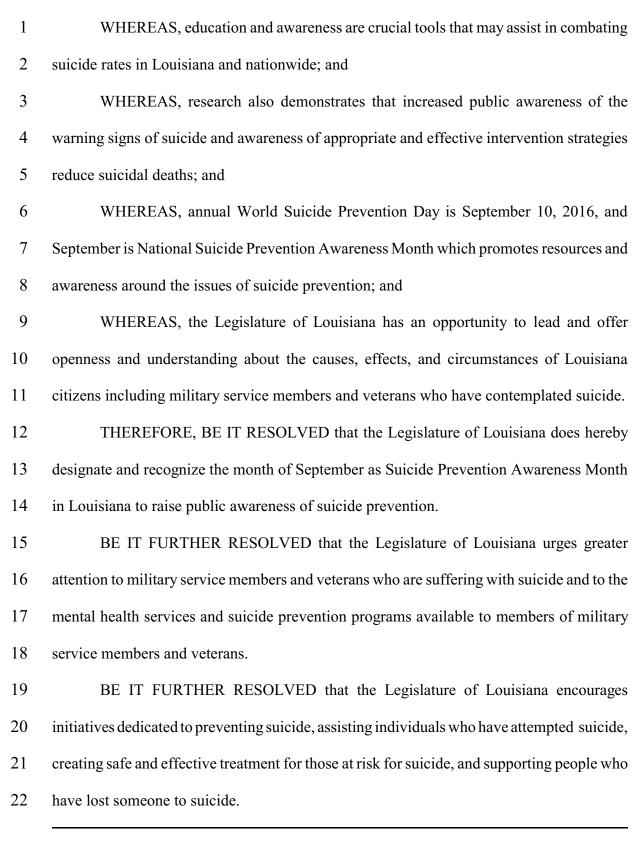
2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes the month of September as suicide prevention awareness month in La. and urges greater awareness of the problem of suicide among military veterans

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To recognize the month of September as "Suicide Prevention Month" in Louisiana to		
3	promote suicide prevention and to raise greater awareness of the problem of suicide		
4	among military service members.		
5	WHEREAS, suicide affects all races, genders, and age groups with an estimated		
6	quarter million people each year that are suicide survivors; and		
7	WHEREAS, in 2015, Louisiana ranked fourteenth nationally in the number of		
8	reported suicide related deaths; and		
9	WHEREAS, military service members and veterans face an elevated risk of suicide		
10	compared to the general population with an estimated twenty-two veterans committing		
11	suicide each day nationwide; and		
12	WHEREAS, suicidal behavior is a serious and persistent public health concern with		
13	devastating effects on families and communities; and		
14	WHEREAS, as a result of the stigma surrounding suicide, those who are bereaved		
15	by suicide are often perceived differently from those who lost a family member through		
16	another cause of death; and		
17	WHEREAS, research shows that suicides are preventable and ninety percent of		
18	people who die by suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of death; and		
19	WHEREAS, all people deserve the opportunity to live healthy lives, and no person		
20	should have their potential limited because of the lack of mental health support needed; and		



DIGEST

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Recognizes the month of September as Suicide Prevention Month in Louisiana to raise greater awareness of the problem of suicide among military service members and veterans.