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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR MILLS

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Recognizes and commends the Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation and designates May 16, 2017, as Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation Day at the Legislature.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend The Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation for its work to improve the quality of life and assist persons affected by rare inherited bleeding disorders, the absence of clotting proteins in the blood which are often painful and debilitating, and to designate Tuesday, May 16, 2017, as "Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation Day" at the legislature.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that of the approximately 20,000 diagnosed cases in the United States, there are approximately 400 persons in Louisiana diagnosed with hemophilia along with the estimated one percent of the United States population who have Von Willebrand's Disease which is largely undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation was established in 1976 to help Louisiana residents with hemophilia, Von Willebrand's disease, and other bleeding disorders lead normal and productive lives and to provide education, advocacy, support services, and promote research in this rare genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation is the state's oldest grassroots network of individuals and family members with bleeding disorders which advocates for proper treatment and access to lifesaving medications, educates and empowers people, ensures quality care for all, and energizes science to find a cure for bleeding disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation provides educational scholarships and provides financial support for patients who seek treatment at the Children's Hospital of New Orleans and at the Louisiana Center for Bleeding and Clotting Disorders, the only federally funded centers in the state providing expert care and cutting edge research for patients suffering from hemophilia which is part of an affiliation of the Tulane University Hospital and Clinic, the Southeast Veterans Louisiana Health Care System, and the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend the Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation for its unwavering dedication and support of the bleeding disorders community in Louisiana and does hereby designate Tuesday, May 16, 2017, as "Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation Day" at the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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