

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day at the Louisiana state capitol and to commend the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Stop the Bleed campaign, a national awareness campaign intended to encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency.

WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed initiative was created in the wake of the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; a panel of experts convened, including representatives of the American College of Surgeons such as the late trauma surgeon Dr. Norman McSwain of Louisiana, and their review led to the development of the Stop the Bleed campaign; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, implementation of the program is being guided by trauma surgeons and emergency physicians from University Medical Center, Tulane School of Medicine, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, and LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, and members of the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and the chapter's Committee on Trauma in conjunction with the Spirit of Charity Foundation; and

WHEREAS, no matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene when there is a traumatic injury; the program teaches citizens methods to control bleeding developed by the military and first responders; and

WHEREAS, Stop the Bleed provides kits that include tourniquets, dressings, and topical hemostatic agents to help bystanders offer swift assistance at the scene of a mass casualty or other violent incident; the kits are affixed to walls in public places, much like the cardiac defibrillators with which most modern buildings are furnished; and

WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign is empowering citizens across the state of Louisiana and throughout the country to save lives in situations when time is of the absolute essence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day at the state capitol; does hereby commend the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Stop the Bleed campaign; and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to participate in the initiative and support the placement of bleeding control kits in public buildings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Jennifer Avegno, Dr. Luke LeBas, and Dr. Rebecca Schroll.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES