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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates March 2020 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Louisiana and commends the Mary Bird Perkins – Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To designate March 2020 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Louisiana and to
3	commend the Mary Bird Perkins – Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center.
4	WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2020, more than one hundred thousand individuals
5	in the United States will be diagnosed with colon cancer and another forty thousand will be
6	diagnosed with rectal cancer; and
7	WHEREAS, in the United States, colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of
8	cancer-related deaths in men and women, and in 2020, 53,200 people are expected to die
9	because of the disease; and
10	WHEREAS, at present, there are more than one million survivors of colorectal
11	cancer in the United States; and
12	WHEREAS, while there is no sure way to prevent colorectal cancer, there are
13	numerous things individuals can do to reduce their risk of getting the disease; and
14	WHEREAS, the most effective way to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer is to
15	undergo colocrectal cancer screening; and
16	WHEREAS, similarly, maintaining a healthy weight, increasing the amount of
17	physical activity, limiting the eating of red and processed meats, and eating more fruits and
18	vegetables are also effective ways of lowering the risk of getting colorectal cancer; and
19	WHEREAS, during the month of March each year, public awareness and educational
20	campaigns are held on colorectal cancer prevention, screening, and symptoms; and

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1 WHEREAS, the goal of the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer 2 (NAPRC) is to ensure that patients with rectal cancer receive appropriate care through the 3 use of a multidisciplinary approach in which a team of specialists work in tandem to provide 4 high-quality care; and 5 WHEREAS, at present, there are only fifteen NAPRC accredited programs in the 6 United States, and the Mary Bird Perkins – Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center is the only 7 cancer center in the state of Louisiana to receive this accreditation. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 designate March 2020 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Louisiana, and does hereby 10 commend Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center on attaining 11 accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer. 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the cancer center leadership team of the Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer 13 14 Center.

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