

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY SENATOR HARRIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Louisiana Tumor Registry, the faculty of LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, and the School of Public Health for their contributions to the fight against cancer.

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Tumor Registry, the faculty of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, and the School of Public Health for their significant contributions to the fight against cancer.

WHEREAS, the primary function of a cancer registry is to monitor the occurrence of cancer in a particular population, and thus, to accumulate information that is necessary to fight the disease through research, clinical trials, cancer management, allocation of resources, and ultimately, development of cures; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Tumor Registry is a program in the School of Public Health in the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and ranks among the very best of the nation's cancer registries; and

WHEREAS, the registry includes the central office with two in-house regions at the LSU Health New Orleans School of Public Health, and regional offices at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Baton Rouge, Acadiana Medical Research Foundation in Lafayette, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana law designates cancer as a reportable disease, and hospitals, pathology laboratories, radiation centers, physicians, nursing homes, hospices, as well as other licensed health care facilities and providers who diagnose or treat cancer must report

1 cancer cases to the Louisiana Tumor Registry; and

2 WHEREAS, data provided by the Louisiana Tumor Registry to researchers,  
3 clinicians, cancer registrars, public health officials, legislators, policymakers, community  
4 groups, and members of the public help to improve health policy and strengthen the fight  
5 against cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, the registry is one of only nineteen cancer registries in the country  
7 comprising the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results  
8 Program, or SEER Program, which is the authoritative source of information on cancer  
9 incidence and survival in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Tumor Registry was one of nine NCI-SEER registries  
11 recently awarded first place for data quality; the eleventh consecutive year that the registry  
12 has been recognized for the high quality, completeness, and timeliness of its data; and

13 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Tumor Registry also earned Gold Certification again this  
14 year by the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) which  
15 designation recognizes registries that have achieved the highest NAACCR standard for  
16 complete, accurate, and timely data to calculate standard incidence statistics for the year  
17 reviewed; a designation which the Louisiana Tumor Registry has earned every year since  
18 1997; and

19 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Tumor Registry was the only cancer registry in the United  
20 States to be awarded the cancer research award at the twentieth anniversary meeting of the  
21 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Tumor Registry is one of four cancer registries in the  
24 United States to earn a CDC award to collect data on pre-cancerous lesions of cervical  
25 cancers; one of five registries to earn a CDC award to collect data on cancer recurrence and  
26 progression; and one of seven registries to earn a CDC award to implement the Caroline  
27 Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act to combat pediatric cancers; and

28 WHEREAS, the registry was also given the Registry of Distinction Award from the  
29 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Program of Cancer Registries this  
30 year; and

1           WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the outstanding and exceptionally high  
2           quality of the work of dedicated staff as the data they collect and report are critical to the  
3           health of not only the people of Louisiana, but also contribute to the nation's policies and  
4           decisions about resources allocated to stopping this devastating disease.

5           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
6           does hereby commend the Louisiana Tumor Registry, the faculty of the Louisiana State  
7           University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, and the School of Public Health for their  
8           significant contributions to collecting, analyzing, and sharing statistics on cancer, which  
9           have been so important in fighting this devastating disease at the local, state, and national  
10          levels.

11          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Larry  
12          Hollier, MD, Chancellor of LSU Health New Orleans, and to Dr. Xiao-Cheng Wu, Professor  
13          and Director of the Louisiana Tumor Registry at LSU Health New Orleans School of Public  
14          Health.

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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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