

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center for its hosting of the Live Well Baton Rouge event on May 14, 2022.

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, cancer is the second highest cause of death in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, there will be an estimated 28,680 new cancer cases; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer Institute's State Cancer Profiles, in East Baton Rouge Parish from 2015-2019, there were 487.4 cases of cancer per 100,000 residents and 159.6 cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Tumor Registry, more than 2,000 cases of cancer are diagnosed per year and 750 cancer deaths occur annually, thus placing Louisiana above the national average with respect to cancer incidence and mortality rates; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center has provided more than 100,000 free cancer screenings; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, thanks to tremendous community support, the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center's Prevention on the Go early detection program marks its twentieth year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Department of Health, personal habits and lifestyle may contribute to cancer; indeed, such factors as good nutrition, regular exercise, protection from too much sun, and not smoking or being around second-hand smoke can reduce the risk of cancer; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center has hosted an annual community health event, now known as Live Well Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, during this event, nearly 6,000 people have been screened and twenty-two cancers diagnosed through services provided to persons who otherwise might not have access to early detection screening, with 65% of the event's participants never having been screened before and 71% representing minority populations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center for its hosting of the Live Well Baton Rouge event on May 14, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES