

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 283

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates June 2-6, 2025, as CPR and AED Awareness Week in Louisiana and commends Caroline Ross, Layton Fontenot, and Hayes Kirkpatrick for their heroic acts and commitment to the well-being of others

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate June 2-6, 2025, as CPR and AED Awareness Week in Louisiana and to
3 commend Caroline Ross, Layton Fontenot, and Hayes Kirkpatrick for their heroic
4 acts and commitment to the well-being of others.

5 WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of all individuals in and around aquatic and
6 recreational facilities are of paramount importance; and

7 WHEREAS, on May 24, 2025, a medical emergency occurred on the tennis courts
8 at Bocage Racquet Club in Baton Rouge, adjacent to a swimming pool guarded by
9 lifeguards; and

10 WHEREAS, Caroline Ross, a bystander present on the tennis courts, immediately
11 recognized the emergency, summoned assistance, and retrieved the Automated External
12 Defibrillator (AED), initiating the chain of survival; and

13 WHEREAS, Layton Fontenot and Hayes Kirkpatrick, both certified American Red
14 Cross lifeguards employed by SELA Aquatics, promptly responded to the scene and
15 provided multiple-rescuer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including chest
16 compression, rescue ventilation, and AED defibrillation; and

17 WHEREAS, the actions of Caroline Ross, Layton Fontenot, and Hayes Kirkpatrick
18 demonstrate exemplary courage, quick thinking, and teamwork under pressure, reflecting
19 the highest standards of emergency response and public service; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Fontenot is a recent graduate Catholic High School in Baton Rouge,
2 preparing to attend Louisiana State University in the fall of 2025, and Mr. Kirkpatrick is a
3 rising sophomore at Catholic High School; and

4 WHEREAS, this incident took place on Mr. Kirkpatrick's first day on the job, and
5 it stands as a testament to the critical importance of CPR and AED training, and the
6 readiness of even our youngest citizens to serve as lifesavers in moments of crisis; and

7 WHEREAS, summer brings the joy of family vacations, outdoor adventures, and
8 recreational activities, but it also means children are often away from teachers, coaches, and
9 caregivers trained in CPR, making it vital for parents and guardians to be prepared to
10 respond in an emergency; and

11 WHEREAS, June 1-7, 2025, is designated by the American Heart Association as
12 National CPR and AED Awareness Week, and the organization calls on families to "Be
13 Ready" and ensure that this summer is not only fun but safe by learning CPR and becoming
14 a part of the Nation of Lifesavers; and

15 WHEREAS, Hands-Only CPR can save the life of a teen or adult, while CPR with
16 breaths is recommended for infants and children, making it crucial that all individuals
17 understand the appropriate method of care for all age groups; and

18 WHEREAS, CPR saves lives, and everyone has the power to be a vital link in the
19 chain of survival by learning this life-saving skill; and

20 WHEREAS, an automated external defibrillator, or AED, is an easy-to-use medical
21 device that can restore a normal heart rhythm to someone who has gone into cardiac arrest;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has supported the inclusion of AEDs in
24 schools and athletic facilities across the state and has provided resources for expanding CPR
25 and AED training; and

26 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association invites everyone to join the Nation of
27 Lifesavers by visiting heart.org/nation, learning CPR, and supporting public policies to
28 increase survival from cardiac arrest.

29 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana House of Representatives does
30 hereby proclaim June 2-6, 2025, as CPR and AED Awareness Week in Louisiana; does

1 hereby commend Caroline Ross, Layton Fontenot, and Hayes Kirkpatrick for their heroic
2 and life-saving acts and for their commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of others;
3 and does hereby encourage all residents to learn CPR, become familiar with AED use, and
4 take an active role in protecting their families and our communities.

DIGEST

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