

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates April 12, 2014, as "Oral Cancer Foundation Walk/Run for Awareness Day" in Louisiana.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate April 12, 2014, as Oral Cancer Foundation Walk/Run for Awareness Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, oral cancer develops within the head and neck region, specifically the lips, mouth, and oropharynx, which is located at the rear of the mouth; and

WHEREAS, approximately 43,000 people will be diagnosed with oral cancer annually; and

WHEREAS, 2013 was the fifth year that oral cancer occurrences increased consecutively; and

WHEREAS, 115 people are diagnosed daily in the United States with oral cancer; and

WHEREAS, the main causes of oral cancer are tobacco, alcohol, and the human papilloma virus; and

WHEREAS, the Oral Cancer Foundation is a national public service, nonprofit entity designed to reduce suffering and save lives through prevention, education, research, advocacy, and patient support activities; and

WHEREAS, the Oral Cancer Foundation observes April as Oral, Head, and Neck Cancer Awareness Month; and

1 WHEREAS, on April 12, 2014, the Oral Cancer Foundation held a Walk/5k Run to
2 raise awareness of the prevalent form of cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, over one hundred and fifty participants attended the event; and

4 WHEREAS, numerous Baton Rouge based businesses donated items for the winners
5 of the competition; and

6 WHEREAS, the funds raised will be used to further research and develop methods
7 to combat oral cancer within the state of Louisiana.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 designate April 12, 2014, as Oral Cancer Foundation Walk/Run for Awareness Day in
10 Louisiana.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 Oral Cancer Foundation.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell.

DIGEST

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