

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES