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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 198

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITNEY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes the month of September as Leukodystrophy Awareness Month

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the month of September as Leukodystrophy Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, leukodystrophy is identified as a rare and terminal disease presenting itself in multiple manifestations that attack the central nervous system severely impacting physical abilities, mental capacity, and quality of life for hundreds of Louisianans and thousands of Americans every year; and

7 WHEREAS, the group of rare disorders known as leukodystrophies destroys the
8 central nervous system by disrupting the growth and maintenance of myelin, a sheath that
9 insulates nerve cells and destroys white matter in the brain; and

10 WHEREAS, an estimated two out of ten thousand people from infants to adults in
11 their sixth decade of life are impacted every year by one of forty-six categorized and even
12 more unidentified forms of leukodystrophy; and

13 WHEREAS, research to understand and possibly one day treat these conditions has
14 been identified by neurological researchers in Louisiana, the United States, and scientists
15 around the globe; and

WHEREAS, organizations, including but not limited to the Adrenoleukodystrophy Foundation, the MLD Foundation, the Stennis Foundation, the Southeast Neuroscience Center, and the United Leukodystrophy Foundation, have dedicated their work to public education, disease research, and patient treatment; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2013, Terrebonne Parish became the first governing body in
21 Louisiana to officially recognize by public proclamation the need for awareness and

1 treatment of this category of diseases, and since then multiple states have added their support
2 in fighting this condition.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 recognize the month of September as Leukodystrophy Awareness Month and encourage the
5 citizens of this state to learn about this condition, contribute to efforts in fighting the disease,
6 and wear blue as a visual sign of support.

DIGEST

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