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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

HEALTH CARE. Expresses the recognition of the Louisiana Legislature on the need for colorectal cancer screening examinations.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request that the citizens of Louisiana recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and schedule such examinations as deemed appropriate by their physicians.

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer occurring in the United States, with an estimated ninety-three thousand ninety new cases of colon cancer and thirty-nine thousand six hundred ten new cases of rectal cancer occurring during 2015; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second most common cause of cancer deaths among men and women in the United States, with an estimated forty-nine thousand seven hundred deaths possible in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is one in twenty; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of colorectal cancer cases are preventable with routine screening examinations; and

WHEREAS, current screening guidelines recommend that all those persons aged fifty and older obtain routine screening examinations; and

WHEREAS, screening guidelines recommend colorectal examinations starting at an earlier age if there is a family history or symptoms of colorectal cancer are experienced; and

WHEREAS, less than thirty percent of those for whom colorectal screening

examinations are recommended are scheduling such diagnostic examinations; and

WHEREAS, colorectal specialists provide state-of-the-art surgical treatment for colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, colorectal specialists work in conjunction with oncologists, radiologists, and other medical professionals to provide the most appropriate and beneficial medical treatment, resulting in optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and lifesaving efforts by colorectal specialists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge Louisianians to recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and to schedule colorectal screening examinations as deemed appropriate by their physicians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further recognizes the critical role of colorectal specialists, oncologists, and radiologists in providing the optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients in Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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