

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY SENATOR BROOME

SENATE. Recognizes Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as Healthy Start Day at the Louisiana Senate.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as "Healthy Start Day" at the Louisiana Senate, and
3 commend the Family Tree Healthy Start Program for its exceptional achievements
4 and manifold contributions.

5 WHEREAS, the mission of the Family Tree Information, Education and Counseling
6 Center is to improve the quality of life for individuals and families over the life course
7 through education, counseling, and information services that are delivered in a professional,
8 accessible, and compassionate manner; and

9 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the Family Tree Healthy Start Program
10 for its efforts in coordinating a culturally sensitive and accessible network of care to the
11 women in the parishes of Lafayette, Iberville, St. Martin, Evangeline, and Acadia; and

12 WHEREAS, the Family Tree Healthy Start Program acknowledges the vision of the
13 Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human
14 Services, which began funding fifteen Healthy Start Initiatives in 1991 and which currently
15 has over one hundred five Healthy Start projects in thirty-nine states, the District of
16 Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico; and

17 WHEREAS, the Healthy Start Program Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative is a
18 valuable resource and intervention program made available to eliminate disparities in

1 perinatal health resulting from multiple factors including race, education, income, disability,
2 or living in a rural area and to reduce negative birth outcomes that directly affect the infant
3 mortality rate by providing home visitation, case management, outreach, health education,
4 and depression screening; and

5 WHEREAS, this free program, which is not based upon income, targets
6 African-American women, but services are provided to any eligible member residing in the
7 five Acadiana parishes; and

8 WHEREAS, the objectives of the Family Tree Healthy Start program are to improve
9 the overall health of program participants in an effort to reduce negative birth outcomes and
10 increase awareness of negative birth outcomes by providing health education to providers,
11 general populations, and community participants and conducting community events.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as "Healthy Start Day" at the Louisiana
14 Senate, does hereby commend the Family Tree Healthy Start Program for its exceptional
15 achievements and manifold contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to
16 the organization and its members for the tremendous honor and pride that they bring to their
17 local communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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

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