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1 WHEREAS, CPR is a lifesaving procedure that persons can use in emergencies in  
2 which someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped; and

3 WHEREAS, research has demonstrated that children as young as nine years of age  
4 can learn and retain the basics of CPR; and

5 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of young people receiving training on this  
6 procedure, the legislature passed House Bill No. 542 of the 2014 Regular Session, which  
7 became Act No. 517, and was named the "Burke Cobb Act" in memory of a fourteen-year-  
8 old Dutchtown High School student who died of a sudden cardiac arrest while playing  
9 basketball; and

10 WHEREAS, the Burke Cobb Act requires public high schools to provide instruction  
11 on CPR, and authorizes that instruction to occur within the curriculum of existing courses  
12 such as health education or physical education; and

13 WHEREAS, this legislation became a signature proposal of the 2014 Regular  
14 Session, gathering sixty-one coauthors on its way through the legislative process and  
15 achieving final passage with unanimous committee and floor votes in favor in both  
16 legislative chambers; and

17 WHEREAS, it is heartening to the members of the Legislature of Louisiana to see  
18 that carefully crafted laws on public health and safety can contribute to protecting and saving  
19 lives just as the Burke Cobb Act has done, and will likely do again; and

20 WHEREAS, while legislative bodies may endeavor to protect health and safety, the  
21 true power to save lives in emergency situations rests in the hands of persons such as Bo  
22 Myers who, with a brave spirit and the proper training, took actions on February 18, 2015,  
23 that saved his nephew's life and made him a hero to his family and his community.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
25 commend Bo Myers, the "CPR hero" of Zachary, Louisiana, for his heroic actions in saving  
26 the life of his nephew, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for success in all of his  
27 future endeavors.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby recognize and  
29 commend Sean "Doc" Stanton, first responder class instructor, for capably delivering quality  
30 instruction on CPR at Zachary High School.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby affirm the vital  
2 importance of training in the simple but lifesaving CPR procedure, and encourages all  
3 Louisianians to undertake CPR training.

4           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
5 to the family of Bo Myers, to Sean "Doc" Stanton, and to Joe LeBlanc, principal of Zachary  
6 High School.

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DIGEST

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Commends Bo Myers for his heroic actions in saving his nephew's life using the CPR procedure he learned at Zachary High School.