

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day at the capitol and commends the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Stop the Bleed campaign

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day at the Louisiana state  
3 capitol and to commend the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Stop the Bleed  
4 campaign, a national awareness campaign intended to encourage bystanders to  
5 become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency.

6 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed initiative was created in the wake of the 2012 mass  
7 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; a panel of experts convened, including  
8 representatives of the American College of Surgeons such as the late trauma surgeon  
9 Dr. Norman McSwain of Louisiana, and their review led to the development of the Stop the  
10 Bleed campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, implementation of the program is being guided by trauma  
12 surgeons and emergency physicians from University Medical Center, Tulane School of  
13 Medicine, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, and LSU Health Sciences Center,  
14 Shreveport, and members of the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and  
15 the chapter's Committee on Trauma in conjunction with the Spirit of Charity Foundation;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, no matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders,  
18 bystanders will always be first on the scene when there is a traumatic injury; the program  
19 teaches citizens methods to control bleeding developed by the military and first responders;  
20 and

1           WHEREAS, Stop the Bleed provides kits that include tourniquets, dressings, and  
2 topical hemostatic agents to help bystanders offer swift assistance at the scene of a mass  
3 casualty or other violent incident; the kits are affixed to walls in public places, much like the  
4 cardiac defibrillators with which most modern buildings are furnished; and

5           WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign is empowering citizens across the state of  
6 Louisiana and throughout the country to save lives in situations when time is of the absolute  
7 essence.

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as Stop the  
10 Bleed Day at the state capitol; does hereby commend the U.S. Department of Homeland  
11 Security's Stop the Bleed campaign; and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to  
12 participate in the initiative and support the placement of bleeding control kits in public  
13 buildings.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted  
15 to Dr. Jennifer Avegno, Dr. Luke LeBas, and Dr. Rebecca Schroll.

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DIGEST

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