

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 2021 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate the month of May 2021 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis, commonly referred to as CF, is a genetic disease that
4 affects approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States, approximately 350
5 of whom live in Louisiana, and nearly 70,000 children and adults worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, in the case of CF, a defective gene causes the body to produce an
7 abnormally thick and sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, and these secretions produce life-
8 threatening lung infections and obstruct the pancreas, thereby preventing digestive enzymes
9 from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

10 WHEREAS, more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the
11 defective CF gene, and CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the median age of survival for a person with CF is 46 years; and

14 WHEREAS, with advances in the treatment of CF, the number of adults living with
15 CF has steadily grown, and approximately 1,000 new cases of CF are diagnosed each year;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, 56% of persons with CF are 18 years of age and older, and people with
18 CF have a variety of symptoms attributed to the more than 1,700 mutations of the CF gene;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons likely to
21 have CF is an infant blood screening to detect genetic defects; and

1 WHEREAS, early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of
2 life and longevity; and

3 WHEREAS, the treatment of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs
4 involved; and

5 WHEREAS, clearing mucus from the lungs is an important part of the daily CF
6 treatment regimen, and other types of treatments include inhaled antibiotics and pancreatic
7 enzymes, among others; and

8 WHEREAS, there are four world-class treatment centers in Louisiana which
9 specialize in the diagnosis of CF and the care of persons with CF; and

10 WHEREAS, a critical component of treating patients with CF includes access to
11 innovative treatments, which can play a crucial role in the lives of patients with CF; and

12 WHEREAS, improving the length and quality of life for people with CF starts with
13 increasing awareness.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 2021 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
16 Month in Louisiana and does hereby encourage all citizens of the state of Louisiana to raise
17 awareness of this debilitating disease.

DIGEST

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