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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND AND SENATOR MCPHERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to engage in a cooperative effort with other public and private organizations and institutions in establishing the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum.

WHEREAS, a cornerstone of the plan developed by the Louisiana Health Care Redesign Collaborative which was created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 127 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature is to support health care quality improvement through the establishment of a statewide public-private partnership dedicated to improving the quality of health and health care throughout Louisiana across payor and provider groups in a cost-effective and transparent manner in a safe, peer-protected environment; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Health and Hospitals is to promote the general health of the people of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a primary component of promoting health is engaging in quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, health care providers, payors, consumers, educational institutions, and quality improvement specialists have expressed an interest in working with the Department of Health and Hospitals to develop the capacity to conduct health care quality improvement through the establishment of a nonprofit corporation whose primary mission shall be to conduct such efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to enter into a cooperative effort with other public and private organizations and institutions in establishing the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum, building on the guidance provided by the Louisiana Health Care Redesign Collaborative in its October 2006 plan submitted to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges and requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to undertake such activities as necessary to assist in establishing the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum as a nonprofit corporation whose purpose shall be to plan, promote, and conduct quality improvement initiatives within the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE