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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

BY SENATOR WARD AND REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Establishes the Community Health Caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana.

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To establish the Community Health Caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana and to provide 3 relative to the caucus. WHEREAS, community health centers provide access to high quality primary care 4 5 in under-served communities across the state, providing care for Louisiana's most 6 vulnerable, the uninsured; and 7 WHEREAS, community health centers substantially impact the physical and 8 economic health of the communities they serve through over eight hundred thousand patient 9 visits per year resulting in a savings of three hundred eighteen million dollars to the 10 healthcare system annually, supporting over two thousand three hundred jobs in Louisiana, 11 and having a twelve million eight hundred thousand dollar impact on state and local tax 12 revenue: and 13 WHEREAS, legislators who represent constituents who rely upon, and communities that benefit from, the public service and high quality healthcare access provided by 14 community health centers desire that the Legislature of Louisiana bestow additional 15 significance upon their actions and opinions on legislation and issues concerning health care. 16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 17 establish the Community Health Caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana for the purpose of 18

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supporting the mission and goals of community health centers in the state.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Menou.

## **DIGEST**

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Establishes the Community Health Caucus and commends community health centers in the state for their contributions to the state through access to primary health care in under-served communities, community service, and the positive impact on state and local tax revenue.