

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY SENATOR WARD

COMMENDATIONS. Designates March 28, 2015, as Prader-Willi Syndrome Day in Louisiana in honor of Cooper McReynolds.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate March 28, 2015, as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Day" in Louisiana in honor of Cooper McReynolds.

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a genetic disorder which is congenital and affects an estimated one in thirty thousand people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Cooper McReynolds was diagnosed with PWS, of which there are currently an average of thirty children in Louisiana with PWS; and

WHEREAS, people with this rare disease typically have mild to moderate intellectual impairment, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems requiring physical, occupational and speech therapies; and

WHEREAS, beginning in childhood, affected individuals develop an insatiable appetite, which leads to chronic overeating and obesity which often results in type two diabetes; and

WHEREAS, most affected individuals are deemed infertile and although inherited, the disease is a result of genetic changes that occur as random events during the formation of reproductive cells or in early embryonic development; and

WHEREAS, Cooper McReynolds is a beacon of light and a champion for spreading awareness of this rare disease as he exhibits great hope and courage while coping with the

1 daily struggles inflicted by this disease.

2           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
3 designate March 28, 2015, as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Day" in Louisiana in honor of Cooper  
4 McReynolds and the efforts of his family in bringing awareness of this dreaded rare disease  
5 to citizens of our state.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
7 Cooper McReynolds.

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

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