



1           WHEREAS, gas duster, also known as "canned air" or just "duster", which is  
2 designed for cleaning of electronic equipment and other sensitive devices, can be particularly  
3 addictive due to the euphoria users feel from the effects of the substance's main chemical  
4 compound, difluoroethane (a refrigerant); however, while many users assume that the worst  
5 effect of duster is the possibility of passing out for a short time after huffing the substance,  
6 there is also a real danger of the user dying almost immediately from acute hypoxia  
7 (displacement of oxygen from the lungs) or from cardiac arrest pursuant to actual freezing  
8 of lung tissue; and

9           WHEREAS, studies indicate that fifteen to twenty percent of eighth graders - nearly  
10 one in every five schoolchildren in this grade - have tried inhalants; and

11           WHEREAS, the problem of inhalant abuse is of special concern because most  
12 substances that can be abused as inhalants are legal and widely available; and

13           WHEREAS, the National Institute on Drug Abuse cites early identification and  
14 intervention as the best ways to stop inhalant abuse before it causes serious health  
15 consequences or death; and

16           WHEREAS, due to the abundance of specialized expertise among staff in the office  
17 of behavioral health of the Department of Health and Hospitals, this office is uniquely  
18 qualified to lead an effort to raise awareness of the effects of addictive disorders such as  
19 abuse of inhalants which can be lethal, but are insufficiently understood currently among the  
20 general population of this state.

21           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 urge and request the office of behavioral health of the Department of Health and Hospitals  
23 to engage in any efforts to raise awareness of addictive disorders involving abuse of  
24 inhalants as deemed necessary and proper by the secretary of the department and the  
25 assistant secretary of the office.

26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of behavioral health is hereby  
27 authorized to conduct public awareness efforts designed to publicize the dangers of inhalants  
28 and thereby reduce the prevalence of inhalant abuse in this state.

29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such public awareness efforts may include but  
30 shall not be limited to public service announcements, information kits and brochures, and  
31 provision of information concerning the dangers of inhalant abuse on an internet website.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution and its resulting public  
2 awareness efforts shall be dedicated to the memory of the late Jordan Lambert Soileau of  
3 Denham Springs, Louisiana.

4           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
5 to the family of Jordan Lambert Soileau, the assistant secretary of the office of behavioral  
6 health, and 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