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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April as Foot Health Awareness Month

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize the month of April as Foot Health Awareness Month.
3	WHEREAS, diabetes is a disease that affects the body's ability to produce and use
4	insulin in amounts sufficient to control blood sugar levels; and
5	WHEREAS, diabetes affects twenty-three million six hundred thousand Americans
6	each year and, according to the American Diabetes Association, costs one hundred seventy-
7	four billion dollars in the United States each year, with approximately one million six
8	hundred thousand new cases being diagnosed each year; and
9	WHEREAS, people with any type of diabetes can develop blindness, heart disease
10	and stroke, kidney disease, and nervous system disease (neuropathy); and
11	WHEREAS, diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness among adults
12	of age twenty to seventy-four, and is also the leading cause of kidney failure; and
13	WHEREAS, sixty to seventy percent of people with diabetes have mild to severe
14	forms of nervous system damage; and
15	WHEREAS, adults with diabetes have heart disease death rates two to four times
16	higher than adults without diabetes; and
17	WHEREAS, the complications of diabetes cause an alarming number of victims to
18	lose a leg or a foot, at a rate calculated to equal one loss every thirty seconds worldwide, and
19	experts estimate that eighty-five percent of these amputations could have been avoided
20	through comprehensive diabetes control and patient education; and

1 WHEREAS, raising awareness of the impact of complications from diabetes will 2 play a key role in educating others on the importance of prevention and treatment, resulting 3 in better health for all individuals in the state of Louisiana and throughout the nation; and 4 WHEREAS, providing access to prevention, detection, and treatment of 5 complications from diabetes will save many lives and also will have the effect of saving 6 money. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 8 recognize the month of April as Foot Health Awareness Month. 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 10 encourage all health care providers, insurers, and purchasers to join in support of awareness 11 and education regarding diabetes, its complications, and proper medical management.

- 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 13 American Podiatric Medical Association.

DIGEST

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