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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON AND SENATOR HEITMEIER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Wednesday, May 9, 2012, as La. Primary Care Association Day at the legislature

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To recognize Wednesday, May 9, 2012, as Louisiana Primary Care Association Day at the
3	legislature.
4	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Primary Care Association is a nonprofit corporation
5	whose purpose is to promote accessible, affordable, quality primary health care for uninsured
6	and medically underserved populations in Louisiana; and
7	WHEREAS, members of the Louisiana Primary Care Association include twenty-
8	eight Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) which promote health care access for all
9	and elimination of health disparities; and
10	WHEREAS, FQHCs are a vital component of our state's health care system,
11	providing underserved communities access to coordinated primary and preventive care; and
12	WHEREAS, FQHCs play a significant role in providing quality, accessible, and
13	affordable patient care as Louisiana strives to build a health care system equipped for the
14	twenty-first century; and
15	WHEREAS, FQHCs serve nearly nineteen million patients across our nation; and
16	WHEREAS, these providers serve nearly two hundred seven thousand patients in
17	Louisiana of which forty-four percent are uninsured, thirty-eight percent are Medicaid
18	recipients, and seventy-nine percent have incomes at or below the federal poverty level; and
19	WHEREAS, FQHCs are essential for underserved communities and vulnerable
20	populations and provide care to those who need it most, including millions of Americans

1 with no medical insurance and whose illnesses might otherwise result in an unmet medical 2 need or emergency room visit; and 3 WHEREAS, FQHCs are comprehensive community wellness hubs which diagnose 4 and treat illness and injury and emphasize preventive care and wellness practices; and 5 WHEREAS, while FQHCs are rooted in community-based and patient-centered care, 6 they also respond to the unique needs of their local communities by conducting outreach and 7 education, ensuring that patients can communicate with their providers, and linking patients 8 with social services; and 9 WHEREAS, serving as an economic anchor in many low-income and economically 10 struggling communities, FQHCs are an integral source of local employment and economic 11 growth at the heart of a modern, reformed health care system in America. 12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 13 acknowledge the vital role that Federally Qualified Health Centers play in improving public 14 health in our state and recognize Wednesday, May 9, 2012, as Louisiana Primary Care 15 Association Day at the legislature.

DIGEST

executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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