

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate January thirty-first of each year as Omphalocele Awareness Day in Louisiana and to commend the Mothers of Omphaloceles for their advocacy efforts.

WHEREAS, an omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close properly and some or most of the abdominal organs protrude on the outside of the fetus's body through the umbilical cord; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in about one out of every five thousand pregnancies and a large or giant omphalocele occurs in about one out of every ten thousand pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, an omphalocele may be isolated or may be associated with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges a baby born with an omphalocele may face, many babies who are born with omphalocele survive and live happy and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles, a group of over 1,400 parents from around the world, was created to provide hope, support, and information to families with babies diagnosed with an omphalocele.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate January thirty-first of each year as Omphalocele Awareness Day in the state of Louisiana and does hereby commend the Mothers of Omphaloceles for their extraordinary advocacy efforts to raise awareness about omphalocele.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stutes.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE