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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVES FOIL, BAGLEY, CHANEY, COX, HENSGENS, HOFFMANN,  
HORTON, JACKSON, JOHNSON, LEBAS, POPE, AND STAGNI AND  
SENATORS BARROW AND PRICE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to take such actions as are necessary to add Severe Combined Immunodeficiency to the newborn screening panel of this state.

WHEREAS, Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) is a life threatening syndrome in which a person's adaptive immune system is severely impaired; and

WHEREAS, persons with SCID are extremely vulnerable to ordinary infections, and viruses that are minor for persons without SCID are often deadly for persons who have SCID; and

WHEREAS, SCID is detectable through genetic testing, and early detection of this disorder is vital to ensure the survival of those persons with SCID; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening identifies babies with congenital disorders like SCID; and

WHEREAS, nearly four million newborns are screened annually in the United States for numerous diseases, and forty-six states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia currently screen for SCID; and

WHEREAS, screening for SCID in a newborn child is not included in Louisiana's current newborn screening panel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to take such actions as are necessary to add Severe Combined Immunodeficiency to the newborn screening panel of this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE