

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

HEALTH/CANCER: Provides for the Louisiana Colorectal Cancer Roundtable to be coordinated by the School of Public Health of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans

1  A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2  To authorize and request the School of Public Health of the Louisiana State University  
3          Health Sciences Center at New Orleans to coordinate an initiative to be known as the  
4          Louisiana Colorectal Cancer Roundtable and to report findings concerning colorectal  
5          cancer prevention efforts to the legislature annually.

6          WHEREAS, Louisiana has the second highest rate of diagnosis of colorectal cancer  
7  in the United States and the fourth highest death rate from this form of cancer; and

8          WHEREAS, reliable estimates indicate that on an annual basis more than two  
9  thousand three hundred individuals in Louisiana are diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and  
10 more than eight hundred sixty individuals die from the disease; and

11         WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer because  
12 screening tests find polyps that can be removed before becoming cancerous; and

13         WHEREAS, screening tests can detect colorectal cancer early in its progression when  
14 treatment works best; and

15         WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that if every  
16 person aged fifty or older had regular screening tests, as many as sixty percent of deaths  
17 from colorectal cancer could be prevented; and

18         WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for patients with localized colorectal cancer  
19 is ninety percent, but only thirty-nine percent of all diagnoses occur at this stage; and

1           WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening can effectively reduce incidence of and  
2 mortality from this form of cancer, yet one in three adults between the ages of fifty and  
3 seventy-five are not up to date with their recommended screening; and

4           WHEREAS, educational efforts can help convey valuable information to the public  
5 concerning methods of prevention and screening, as well as about symptoms for early  
6 detection; and

7           WHEREAS, the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is encouraging groups to  
8 take an "eighty percent by 2018" pledge to commit to efforts aimed at increasing the number  
9 of people screened for colorectal cancer and eliminating colorectal cancer as a major public  
10 health problem.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12 authorize and request the School of Public Health of the Louisiana State University Health  
13 Sciences Center at New Orleans to coordinate an initiative to be known as the Louisiana  
14 Colorectal Cancer Roundtable.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the roundtable shall report findings concerning  
16 colorectal cancer prevention efforts in this state in the form of a written report to the  
17 legislature on or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby affirm  
19 the commitment of this state to the goals of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable's  
20 "eighty percent by 2018" initiative.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
22 dean of the School of Public Health of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
23 at New Orleans.

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#### DIGEST

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