

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 17, 2022, as Rural Mental Health Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, May 17, 2022, as Rural Mental Health Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, to the members of the legislature, the mental health condition and the
4 well being of all children, youth, adults, and families are of fundamental importance; and

5 WHEREAS, for individuals to achieve their full potential, good mental health is
6 essential; and

7 WHEREAS, mental health disorders can affect the ability of an individual to carry
8 out daily tasks, establish or maintain relationships, or pursue other important endeavors; and

9 WHEREAS, rural areas comprise roughly eighty percent of Louisiana's total
10 geographic area, and such areas have a chronic shortage of mental health professionals; and

11 WHEREAS, in the state, there are approximately 179,000 adults who are living with
12 a serious mental illness, including, but not limited to, bipolar disorder, severe depression,
13 and schizophrenia, and one in six children experience a mental health disorder each year;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, approximately one individual dies by suicide every twelve
16 hours; and

17 WHEREAS, for mental health conditions, the delays in treatment are longer than
18 many other health conditions; and

19 WHEREAS, early and effective treatment of mental health conditions is critical to
20 reducing the number of individuals and families who find themselves in mental health crises,

1 to breaking the individual and generational cycles of mental illness, and to promoting
2 healing; and

3 WHEREAS, recovery from a mental illness requires access to professionals and
4 rehabilitative services, and also involves families and caregivers as allies during the recovery
5 process; and

6 WHEREAS, individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full and
7 productive lives; and

8 WHEREAS, the maintenance of an open dialogue regarding mental health conditions
9 encourages individuals struggling with mental illness to seek help, and is an essential
10 component to fighting the stigma associated with mental illness.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 17, 2022, as Rural Mental
13 Health Day at the state capitol and does hereby encourage citizens of the great state of
14 Louisiana to raise awareness of mental health conditions and to break the stigma surrounding
15 mental illness.

DIGEST

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