

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Tuesday, May 8, 2012, as March of Dimes Day at the La. State Capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, May 8, 2012, as March of Dimes Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

3 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was founded in 1938 and in its early years
4 supported development of a vaccine that has virtually eliminated the crippling disease of
5 polio; and

6 WHEREAS, currently, the March of Dimes is leading a state and national effort to
7 prevent preterm birth by funding research to find the causes of this public health problem,
8 supporting local programs that offer hope and help to families with an infant in intensive
9 care, and advocating for public policies that will improve the quality of care for newborns;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, preterm birth is the greatest contributing factor to newborns dying
12 within their first month of life; and

13 WHEREAS, over half a million babies are born preterm every year in the United
14 States; and

15 WHEREAS, over nine thousand five hundred preterm births occurred in Louisiana
16 in 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, while Louisiana has significantly decreased its rate of preterm births as
18 evidenced by an eight percent reduction in this rate since 2006, our state still ranks forty-
19 ninth out of the fifty states, and one in every seven babies born in Louisiana is preterm; and

20 WHEREAS, on May 8, 2012, volunteers and staff of the March of Dimes are visiting
21 the Louisiana State Capitol to raise awareness about the serious consequences of preterm

1 birth, to advocate for policies to improve the quality of care of preterm infants, and to
2 support programs to prevent preterm birth.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby welcome volunteers and staff of the March of Dimes
5 and recognize Tuesday, May 8, 2012, as March of Dimes Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Louisiana citizens are hereby encouraged to
7 support the March of Dimes in its efforts to find the causes of preterm birth and to support
8 home visitation programs and quality care improvement policies for stronger, healthier
9 babies in Louisiana.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
11 to the Louisiana state director of the March of Dimes.

DIGEST

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