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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY SENATOR BROOME

CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to support and invest in the National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Centers Program.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To memorialize the Congress of the United States to support and invest in the National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Centers Program. 3 WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Community Cancer Centers 4 5 Program (NCCCP) began in 2007 to provide community cancer centers and their patients across the United States better access to the most advanced cancer research; and 6 7 WHEREAS, NCI estimates that the vast majority of cancer patients (about 85 8 percent) are treated at community hospitals in or near the communities in which they live 9 and only about 15 percent of U.S. cancer patients are diagnosed and treated at the nation's 10 major academic-based cancer centers; and 11 WHEREAS, many patients choose community hospitals because they are close to 12 family, friends, and jobs, whereas treatment at the major cancer centers may require long 13 commutes or extended stays away from home; and WHEREAS, the NCCCP extends NCI programs into local communities, giving 14 patients easier access to state-of-the-art cancer care and clinical trial opportunities; and 15 16 WHEREAS, the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program has formed a national network of community cancer centers to expand cancer research and deliver the most 17 18 advanced cancer care to more Americans in the communities where they live; and

1	WHEREAS, the Cancer Program of Our Lady of the Lake and Mary Bird Perkins
2	was one of only 16 community cancer programs in the country selected to participate in the
3	NCI Community Cancer Centers Program because of its proven medical leadership,
4	phenomenal community outreach and experience in conducting clinical trials; and
5	WHEREAS, the Cancer Program of Our Lady of the Lake and Mary Bird Perkins
6	was the only cancer program in Louisiana, and the only program in the Gulf South, selected
7	for the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program; and
8	WHEREAS, the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program is designed to create a
9	community-based cancer center network to support basic, clinical and population-based
10	research initiatives, addressing the full cancer care continuum from prevention, screening,
11	diagnosis, treatment and survivorship through end-of-life care; and
12	WHEREAS, the seven major focus areas of the NCI Community Cancer Centers
13	Program are to reduce cancer healthcare disparities, improve quality of care, increase
14	participation in clinical trials, enhance cancer survivorship and palliative care services,
15	participate in biospecimen research initiatives to support personalized medicine, expand use
16	of electronic health records and connect to cancer research data network and enhance cancer
17	advocacy; and
18	WHEREAS, the sixteen initial pilot hospitals have made considerable progress
19	toward achieving the major program goals and are defining for NCI what it takes to build
20	a national network of community hospitals that are fully engaged in cancer research and
21	offer the latest evidence-based, multidisciplinary care to diverse populations in their home
22	communities; and
23	WHEREAS, funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act helped the
24	NCI Community Cancer Centers Program expand from its original pilot network of sixteen
25	to thirty hospitals in twenty-two states,
26	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes
27	the Congress of the United States to continue to support and invest in the National Cancer
28	Institute Community Cancer Centers Program, a vital and innovative program that is
29	transforming the way cancer care is delivered across the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of

2 Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States

3 Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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