

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.

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

1 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.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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Community Cancer Centers Program.