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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR MILLS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Tuesday, April 10, 2018, as Dental Hygiene Day and commends the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association on celebrating 105 years of Dental Hygienists Profession.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To recognize Tuesday, April 10, 2018, as Dental Hygiene Day and to commend the
3	Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association upon the celebration of one hundred five
4	years of the dental hygienists profession.
5	WHEREAS, April 10, 2018, has been designated as Dental Hygiene Day in the state;
6	and
7	WHEREAS, 2018 marks the one hundred fifth anniversary of dental hygiene with
8	the opening of the first dental hygiene school by Dr. Alfred C. Fones in Bridgeport,
9	Connecticut; and
10	WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a preventive oral health professional licensed in
11	dental hygiene who provides educational, clinical, and therapeutic services supporting total
12	healthcare through the promotion of optimal oral health; and
13	WHEREAS, the education of a dental hygienist emphasizes all of the basic sciences
14	and eligibility for licensure based upon successful completion of both a written National
15	Board Dental Hygiene Examination and a clinical state board examination; and
16	WHEREAS, dental hygienists are committed to maintaining the highest levels of
17	quality and to keeping abreast of the most advanced technology in their field, as they
18	advocate continuing education courses in oral healthcare to maintain their licenses and to

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1	ensure that they provide state-of-the-art oral hygiene to their patients; and
2	WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a vital member of a complete dental team and is
3	responsible for providing treatment that helps to prevent oral disease and for educating the
4	patient to maintain optimal oral health in order to prevent such oral diseases; and
5	WHEREAS, for over one hundred years, registered dental hygienists have provided
6	quality preventive oral healthcare to millions of American adults and children; and
7	WHEREAS, dental hygienists have also established a record of excellence in
8	providing quality care for those patients with special needs; and
9	WHEREAS, there are approximately one thousand six hundred licensed dental
10	hygienists serving the oral healthcare needs of the people of the state of Louisiana alone; and
11	WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as Dental Hygiene Month, focusing
12	on the preventive benefits of good oral hygiene; and
13	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association, along with other dental
14	professions, celebrated Children's Dental Health Month in February, which focused on the
15	needs of dental care for the children of the state of Louisiana; and
16	WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize dental hygienists and to encourage citizens
17	to become familiar with and appreciative of the benefits of good dental hygiene.
18	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19	does hereby recognize April 10, 2018, as Dental Hygiene Day in the state, commend the
20	Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association upon the celebration of one hundred five years of
21	the dental hygienist's profession, and commend the dental hygienists around Louisiana for
22	their tireless efforts in promoting good dental health for the citizens of the state.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24	Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association.

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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