

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize August 11, 2011, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is one of the most common chronic, widespread pain conditions in the United States, affecting more than five million Americans; and

WHEREAS, the causes of fibromyalgia are still not fully known; and

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is real and can have a debilitating effect on patients' lives, taking an emotional, financial, and social toll, compromising their ability to work and engage in daily activities, and affecting relationships with their families, friends, coworkers, and community; and

WHEREAS, diagnosing fibromyalgia can be difficult, and many patients with fibromyalgia consult multiple health care providers and suffer for as long as five years before getting a correct diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, getting a correct diagnosis and being educated about fibromyalgia is the first step toward better managing the disease; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the realities of life with fibromyalgia will allow the community at large to better support patients and their families, friends, coworkers, and employers who struggle with the challenges of this chronic pain disorder; and

WHEREAS, we join with the National Fibromyalgia Association and other fibromyalgia support organizations in promoting awareness and encouraging improved education, diagnosis, research, and treatment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize August 11, 2011, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in Louisiana and encourage all citizens of Louisiana to participate in appropriate fibromyalgia awareness activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be transmitted to the National Fibromyalgia Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE