

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize July 2012 as Sarcoma Awareness Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, sarcoma is a cancer of connective tissues, such as muscle, cartilage, fat, bone, and blood vessels, and can arise anywhere in the body; and

WHEREAS, about eleven thousand Americans are diagnosed with sarcoma each year, five thousand die each year, and fifty thousand are struggling with the disease at any one time; and

WHEREAS, about one percent of cancers diagnosed in adults and about fifteen percent of cancers diagnosed in children are sarcoma; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty subtypes of sarcomas have been identified; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute recognizes that sarcoma is frequently misdiagnosed and highly underreported; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit sarcoma organizations want to raise awareness in hopes that more patients will get proper diagnosis and treatment, and these organizations have agreed upon July of 2012 as Sarcoma Awareness Month.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize July of 2012 as Sarcoma Awareness Month in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sandra Lode.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE