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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BISHOP, BRASS, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, FISHER, GAINES, GLOVER, GREEN, HUGHES, JENKINS, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS, PIERRE, AND WILLARD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission to have automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on its premises.

WHEREAS, R.S. 40:1137.1 et seq. encourage greater acquisition, deployment, and use of AEDs in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, according to an article by Cardiovascular Business, statistics show that AED devices are most beneficial for patient survival; and

WHEREAS, early treatment with an AED can change outcomes drastically, especially when used before emergency medical service personnel arrives; and

WHEREAS, the Cardiovascular Business article further states that AED devices have been proven to save lives in public places and places of business; and

WHEREAS, an article by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that heart disease death rates are higher in the southwest and northeast regions of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC article, heart disease is the leading cause of deaths for Louisiana residents; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Recreation Development (NORD) Commission is an organization that provides activities, classes, and other programs for recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, the NORD Commission oversees numerous playgrounds, parks, and recreational facilities and makes a host of activities and programs available to the residents of New Orleans, including swim lessons, senior dance fitness, youth camp, and sewing; and

WHEREAS, because of its large number of parks and facilities and the vast array of activities and programs the NORD Commission offers, it is imperative that the commission be prepared to address all kinds of medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, currently, the NORD Commission is not required to have and maintain AEDs on its premises; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Louisiana legislators to ensure that residents of the state have sufficient access to efficient, life-saving medical equipment in as many ways as possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission to acquire and maintain automated external defibrillators on its premises for medical emergencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chief executive officer of the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE