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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

A RESOLUTION

To designate March as Endometriosis Awareness Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, endometriosis is a disease of the female reproductive system; and

WHEREAS, endometriosis occurs when tissue that is similar to that which is normally found in the uterus begins to grow outside of it, leading to chronic and debilitating pelvic pain; and

WHEREAS, endometriosis is a leading cause of female infertility; and

WHEREAS, endometriosis affects one in ten women of childbearing age in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on average, there is a ten-year delay from the onset of symptoms of endometriosis to detection and diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, U.S. endometriosis patients were hospitalized for 105,123 days because of the disease; and

WHEREAS, because of the pain associated with endometriosis, women can lose eleven hours per work week through lost productivity and absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, fifty-one percent of endometriosis patients report that the disease has a detrimental affect on their jobs; and

WHEREAS, the total annual economic burden of endometriosis-related symptoms in the United States is estimated to be \$56 billion, or \$10,824 per patient; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for endometriosis; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, health care providers have focused on managing the pain associated with endometriosis with oral contraceptives, progestins, Danazol, nonsteroidal

anti-inflammatory drugs, opioids, and GnRH agonists, while in more extensive cases, surgical interventions such as laparotomy or laparoscopy are often pursued; and

WHEREAS, as it stands, the drugs used for pain management were not specifically created to treat endometriosis, and the surgical interventions may not be curative for all individuals, so more research is needed to create additional treatment options; and

WHEREAS, in addition, more education is needed to promote awareness of endometriosis so that the symptoms of the disease can be identified earlier and treatment can begin sooner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the month of March as Endometriosis Awareness Month in the state of Louisiana, and hereby encourages all citizens of the great state of Louisiana to become more aware this debilitating disease.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES