

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY SENATOR JOHNS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Children's Miracle network of CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital on the occasion of twenty-five years of service to Southwest Louisiana.

WHEREAS, this year's telecast marks the twenty-fifth annual telethon for the Children's Miracle Network of Southwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, its parent company, Children's Miracle Network (CMN), has contributed more than four billion dollars to fund medical care, research, and health outreach initiatives that have helped to improve the lives of thousands of pediatric patients since its founding in 1983; and

WHEREAS, CMN collaborates with individuals, organizations, and media partners to fund medical technology upgrades and health education opportunities that benefit its member hospitals and foundations and raises funds for over one hundred seventy children's hospitals across North America; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of CMN that every child deserves the hope and healing available from a hospital in his community, care that contributes to the child's overall health and well being; and

WHEREAS, through CMN children of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances can receive medical treatment for every imaginable disease and injury; and

WHEREAS, CMN provides the much needed infrastructure for grassroots community fund-raising efforts through its corporate events, radio and television broadcast and other local happenings that generate donations to local providers of life-saving care and crucial services for children in Southwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital has featured and celebrated the miracle stories of over fifty champion children whose lives were touched through its CMN fund-

raising efforts in Southwest Louisiana including the following Miracle Kids: Justin Schexnider (1988), Chad Ardoin (1988); Jessica Johnson (1988), Crystal Spikes (1989), Terry Victorian (1989), Jason Alexander (1989), Casey Duhon (1989), Cory Wilson (1989), Casey Roberts (1990), Aaron Siller (1990), Joshua Keys (1991), Tiffany Thibodeaux (1991), Jason, Justin, and Jared Stolz (1991), Ainsley DeSonier (1992), Mary Lucie Monk (1992), Brittany Vincent (1993), Tiffany Guidry (1993), Matthew Richard (1993), Brock Patin (1994), Braun Bourque (1994), Tony Chaumont (1995), Kelly Bancuk (1995), Melissa Landry (1996), Phillip Vincent (1996), Rick Alston (1996), Marcus Charles (1997), Hollie Maddox (1997), John Hurley (1998), Zachary Lyons (1998), Christopher Voorhies (1999), Lanie Warner (1999), Demikol Coker (2000), Abe Reeves (2000), Zachary Lofton (2001), Alise Citizen (2001), Rayleigh, Tanner, Hunter, and Alexandria Turner (2002), Marcus Hughes (2003), Casey Trahan (2004), Nathan and Bradley Rowell (2005), Justin Hunter Cooley (2006), Kaitlyn Hathaway (2007), Marcus Carter (2008), Taylor Oliver (2008), Ian Loop (2008), Devin Fontenot (2009), Erica Weldon (2010), and Taylor Oliver (2011); and

WHEREAS, Children's Miracle Network has provided financial support to its community partner, CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital of Lake Charles, Louisiana, a premier pediatric health services provider; and

WHEREAS, funding from local CMN efforts was instrumental in the implementation of an advanced ear, nose, and throat navigational surgery system at St. Patrick Hospital used in the treatment of pediatric sinus patients that improves surgical outcomes and reduces recovery times; and

WHEREAS, CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital has renewed its support from CMN fund-raising efforts for the children of Southwest Louisiana on its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration; and

WHEREAS, grants from CMN fund-raising efforts provides much needed funding to other worthwhile community organizations, such as CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital School-Based Health Centers, the Automated External Defibrillators program with the Calcasieu Parish School Board and the Diocese of Lake Charles, Camp Bon Coeur for children with heart defects, the McNeese State University Immunization Clinic, and Kid Power of Southwest Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Children's Miracle Network of CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital for its many contributions to local pediatric health services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate all of the champions assisted by the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to all of the Miracle Kids and to the Children's Miracle Network of CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES