

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATOR RISER

A RESOLUTION

To declare Wednesday, June 15, 2011, as "Asthma Awareness Day" at the Louisiana Senate.

WHEREAS, more than twenty-four million Americans suffer from asthma, costing the United States economy over twenty billion dollars in health care costs and lost productivity annually; and

WHEREAS, nearly ten people die of asthma each day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over seven million of these Americans are children under the age of eighteen, making asthma the most common chronic illness of childhood in the United States; and

WHEREAS, asthma is one of the leading causes of childhood hospitalizations and long-term illnesses, accounting for over ten million school days lost each school year; and

WHEREAS, asthma accounts for over fourteen million missed work days annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American people should be informed of the significant consequences of asthma and allergic diseases that can be prevented by the initiation of appropriate medical care; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health has issued guidelines for the diagnosis and management of asthma which provide proven methods for prevention and treatment of asthma; and

WHEREAS, with greater public awareness of the symptoms, consequences, and treatments of asthma, the quality of life for both children and adults living with asthma in the United States can be greatly improved.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare Wednesday, June 15, 2011, as "Asthma Awareness Day".

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Nancy Sander of the Allergy and Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics, Kevin Cantrelle of AstraZeneca PLC, Keith Parker of TEVA Pharmaceutical Industries, and to Baton Rouge allergists Drs. Prem and Vimla Menon.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE