

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the support of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon recognition of May 9-15, 2010, as National Nursing Home Week in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, more than one and a half million elderly and disabled individuals receive care daily in the nearly sixteen thousand nursing facilities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the annual celebration of National Nursing Home Week invites people in communities nationwide to recognize nursing home residents and staff for their contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Nursing Home Association is working with member facilities across the state to increase awareness of Louisiana's long-term care services with a message of "Enriching Every Day", honoring those who are enriching the lives of others, thus adding to the value of life and overcoming many of the infirmities of age and disability; and

WHEREAS, nursing homes are intimate communities where acts of caring, kindness, and respect are the norm; and

WHEREAS, when the positive bond that naturally develops between patients and their caregivers is established, patients experience not only better physical care and healing, but also enrichment of the mind, heart and spirit; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana residing in nursing homes have contributed immeasurably to the heritage, success and growth of our state, and it is appropriate to honor the elderly and disabled residents of nursing homes by volunteering or visiting friends and loved ones and expressing appreciation for the quality services provided by Louisiana's long-term care facilities.

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**ENROLLED**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 9-15, 2010, as National Nursing Home Week in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Nursing Home Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE