

Regular Session, 2003

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend the International Adhesions Society for its efforts in promoting awareness of adhesions and supporting patients with adhesions.

WHEREAS, adhesions related disorder (ARD) is a serious medical condition that afflicts many citizens in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, adhesions are internal scars that frequently occur after surgery and can grow to connect internal organs not normally connected, leading to chronic pain, recurrent bowel obstruction, and infertility; and

WHEREAS, in extreme cases some patients have had to endure over twenty operations to remove adhesions because of the propensity for regrowth of scar tissue; and

WHEREAS, ARD may become so severe that patients are unable to work; obtaining health care or disability insurance is difficult; family life is devastated; and the emotional health of adhesions sufferers is severely affected leading to life-threatening depression and isolation; and

WHEREAS, hospital admissions for ARD number over 300,000 per year, rivaling those for heart bypass, appendix, and other common operations, yet the awareness of this serious condition is relatively low; and

WHEREAS, the lack of awareness about adhesions and ARD means that many doctors do not understand the condition and are unable to treat adhesions; insurance companies are also unwilling to pay for treatment; and patients' efforts to get well are continually frustrated; and

WHEREAS, the International Adhesions Society was formed in 1996 to promote awareness about adhesions, to provide support to patients and information to medical professionals, and to encourage research into adhesions and their prevention; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the debilitating effects ARD has had on those afflicted, it is incumbent upon the citizens of the state of Louisiana to support the courageous individuals living and coping with this painful condition; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the legislature to acknowledge and call attention to the International Adhesions Society in its efforts to increase awareness regarding health issues which affect residents of the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend the International Adhesions Society in its efforts to promote awareness of adhesions and support patients with adhesions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the International Adhesions Society.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE