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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 218

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED WILLIAMS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Baton Rouge General's Regional Burn Center on a tradition of providing expert burn care for all ages

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Baton Rouge General's Regional Burn Center on a tradition of providing
3 expert burn care for all ages.

4 WHEREAS, receiving proper care after a severe burn can mean the difference
5 between life and death and in some cases, patients who receive immediate care have a
6 ninety-four percent survival rate; and

7 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge General's Regional Burn Center was established in
8 1970 and is one of only one hundred twenty-five specialized burn centers in the United
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, it is the first designated burn facility in Louisiana and the fourteenth
11 such facility nationwide; and

12 WHEREAS, it provides burn treatment services for the entire Gulf Coast region and
13 petrochemical corridor and is the only comprehensive and pediatric burn treatment facility
14 in central and south Louisiana and the state of Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge General's Regional Burn Center has received referrals
16 from over one hundred twenty-five hospitals across Louisiana and Mississippi in the last
17 year and treats more than two hundred zip codes across the Gulf Coast region; and

18 WHEREAS, more than ninety percent of all inpatient burn victims in the greater
19 Baton Rouge area are treated annually, and the center has provided more than six thousand
20 treatments over the last three years for those suffering from flame, scald, electrical,
21 chemical, and other burn-related injuries; and

1 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge General's Regional Burn Center provides
2 comprehensive inpatient and outpatient burn treatment and rehabilitation for adults and
3 children, including occupational and physical therapy; and

4 WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary team of burn experts with over seventy years of
5 physician experience in burn care comprise the medical professionals at the center; and

6 WHEREAS, research is currently being conducted on a new skin grafting treatment
7 to assist with decreasing length of stay, hospital costs, and scarring; and

8 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge General's Regional Burn Center's commitment to the
9 community extends beyond the hospital walls by offering support groups, counseling, and
10 educational resources; and

11 WHEREAS, the center sends an average of twenty local pediatric burn survivors
12 each year to the statewide summer burn camp, "I'm Still Me", and its nurses and staff
13 volunteer to assist with coordination and staffing of the camp each year; and

14 WHEREAS, the camp provides an opportunity for children who have survived the
15 physical and emotional trauma of burn injuries to interact with other survivors to aid in
16 building self-esteem and to support emotional healing; and

17 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge General's Regional Burn Center also hosts an annual
18 survivor's banquet to reunite burn patients and the staff in celebration of their survivorship;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the education provided by the Baton Rouge General's Regional Burn
21 Center team of experts to the public regarding burn safety, as well as its partnership with
22 area chemical plants to enhance accident prevention and safety programs, has resulted in a
23 dramatic decrease in chemical-related burn injuries; and

24 WHEREAS, the team was recently published in the *Journal of Burn Care &*
25 *Research* for its clinical research with a state-of-the-art skin grafting treatment for large
26 burns, and it has received international recognition for the critical care provided to the burn
27 patients from the Philippines who were injured in the November 2012 oil rig explosion in
28 the Gulf of Mexico; and

29 WHEREAS, the medical expertise rendered by the Baton Rouge General's Regional
30 Burn Center team to victims of burn-related injuries plays a vital role in affording medical

1 students, residents, and ancillary staff valuable clinical training in critical care, burn
2 treatment, and rehabilitation in Louisiana, Mississippi, and across the United States.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the regional burn center in the state, the
5 Baton Rouge General's Regional Burn Center, on the compassionate and expert care it
6 provides to adults and children in Baton Rouge, the Gulf Coast region, and the United States
7 of America.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 president and chief executive officer of the Baton Rouge General Medical Center, Mark F.
10 Slyter.

DIGEST

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