

Regular Session, 2006

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVE DORSEY

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 4, 2006 as Together Rx Access Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, more than eight hundred thousand Louisianians, totaling more than one out of five of the state's population, do not have health insurance; and

WHEREAS, these uninsured Louisianians have limited access to proper health care; and

WHEREAS, in January 2005, the Together Rx Access Card Program was launched by Together Rx Access, LLC to help low-income, uninsured individuals gain access to prescription medicines, and most cardholders save twenty-five to forty percent on over three hundred brand name prescription drugs and other products; and

WHEREAS, this free, easy-to-use Together Rx Access Card was created by the following pharmaceutical companies: Abbott Laboratories; AstraZeneca; Bristol-Myers Squibb Company; GlaxoSmithKline; Janssen Pharmaceutica Products, LP; Life Scan, a Johnson & Johnson Company; Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc.; Pfizer Inc.; Sanofi-aventis, Takeda Pharmaceutical North America, Inc.; and TAP Pharmaceutical Products, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana commends the Together Rx Access Program and pharmaceutical companies that have joined in this initiative for their efforts to help uninsured Louisiana residents gain better access to prescription drugs and products; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana commends Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System, Louisiana Hospital Association, VHA Gulf States, and Christus Health, representing more than three quarters of the hospitals in the state of Louisiana and many clinics for cooperating to help the uninsured during "Cover the Uninsured Week"; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2006, the above groups are partnering to announce the important statewide initiative to help uninsured residents gain access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, greater awareness of the Together Rx Access Card would facilitate program enrollment and help serve the needs of those uninsured Louisiana families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 4, 2006, as Together Rx Access Awareness Day.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES