

Regular Session, 2008
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 181
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to perform a feasibility study to determine which health care professions in areas of the state impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have experienced staffing shortages, to determine reasonable incentives the legislature could offer to health care professionals in order to encourage their employment in hurricane-impacted areas, and to report its findings to the House Committee on Health and Welfare by February 1, 2009.

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have had a profound impact on the health care industry in various areas of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita may have created a greater need for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, and other health care providers in hurricane-impacted areas of the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to perform a feasibility study to determine which health care professions in areas of the state impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have experienced staffing shortages and to determine reasonable incentives the legislature could offer to health care professionals in order to encourage their employment in impacted areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals is requested to report its findings to the House Committee on Health and Welfare by February 1, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES