HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the first of May through the fourteenth of June, 2012, as National Military Appreciation Month.

WHEREAS, during National Military Appreciation Month, all members of the military are celebrated, including those who are members or staff of the Legislature of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the blood shed and continued vigilance of the United States Armed Forces over the history of this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of the family members who support them have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation and made it unique in the world community; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming National Military Appreciation Month and calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of the armed forces who have served and are now serving their country, together with their families; and

WHEREAS, the months of May and June have been selected for this display of patriotism because during these months, the nation celebrates Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day/Week, National Day of Prayer, Memorial Day, Navy Day, Army Day, and Flag Day; and

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WHEREAS, those who serve in the armed forces have earned the eternal respect, admiration, and gratitude of the state's citizens, and it is fitting to set aside a special month in recognition of their unwavering selflessness and courage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the first of May through the fourteenth of June, 2012, as National Military Appreciation Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE