

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Monday, April 9, 2018, as Louisiana Drug and Specialty Court Day at the state capitol and to commend the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug Court Office and the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals for their services to the citizens of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug Court Office, or SCDCO, has been administering drug courts in the state since 2001, courts which currently serve more than 5,000 Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, the SCDCO has expanded this year to encompass the administration of all specialty courts in the state, including reentry courts, behavioral courts, and veterans courts; and

WHEREAS, all of the specialty courts are designed to address the underlying clinical and social needs of individuals in the criminal justice system, and the courts meet such needs by overseeing treatment and imposing mandates that enable persons to receive assistance while avoiding incarceration; and

WHEREAS, speciality courts reduce recidivism provide cost-effective alternatives to incarceration and thus help to improve the lives of the participants, their families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the SCDCO works in conjunction with the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals, or LADCP, to provide educational seminars and training opportunities for more than five hundred specialty court professionals in the state; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between the LADCP and the SCDCO has made the state's speciality courts some of the best and most progressive courts in the country; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana specialty court judges serve on these courts in addition to their regular judicial duties, and serve without additional compensation, because they have a passion for helping people and for serving as a source of support and encouragement for individuals in need; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to commend the judges and staff of the LADCP, the SCDCO, and the state's specialty courts for their efforts and good works on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, April 9, 2018, as Louisiana Drug and Specialty Court Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug Court Office and the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals for their fine work in saving lives, reuniting families, and giving hope.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the president of the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE