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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, CORTEZ, FESI, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON, JOHNS, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, PEACOCK, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, AND TALBOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate April 2021 as Autism Acceptance Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, in the United States, one in every fifty-four children is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, totaling over five million young people and adults; and

WHEREAS, people diagnosed with autism are classmates, colleagues, friends, and loved ones, and greatly contribute their strengths, talents, and abilities to the community around them; and

WHEREAS, across the nation, people with autism are able to achieve independence and live purposeful lives when afforded the support system and opportunities that they deserve; and

WHEREAS, as many individuals and families living with autism know, acceptance is often one of the biggest barriers to finding and developing a strong support system; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana understands that fostering acceptance is critical to improving supports and to achieving equity in education, employment, housing, health care and comprehensive long-term services; and

WHEREAS, April is Autism Acceptance Month, when the United States recognizes all individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, this month and every day, the people of the United States celebrate the numerous ways autistic individuals enhance the quality of our communities and enrich our world; and

WHEREAS, as the people of the United States recognize this important month, they affirm that people with autism possess fundamental rights to participate fully in society, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to fulfill their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, the great state of Louisiana believes that everyone should be treated with dignity and have a fair shot at getting ahead; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor advocates, family members, caregivers, professionals, and all those who work every day to create more opportunities for those with autism; and

WHEREAS, by celebrating Autism Acceptance Month, the people of Louisiana can help spread awareness, foster acceptance, and ignite change for autistic individuals to live fully across all areas of life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby proclaim April 2021 as Autism Acceptance Month in Louisiana and hereby encourages all citizens of the great state of Louisiana to learn more about autism and what they can do to support individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE