

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARMODY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize May 2017 as Building Safety Month, as sponsored by the International Code Council, to raise awareness of the important role of building codes for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is committed to recognizing that its growth and strength depend on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings, and infrastructure that serve its citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of the buildings that make up our communities is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians, such as building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in the construction industry, who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S. based organization that brings together local, state, and federal officials, who are experts in the built environment, to create and implement the highest quality codes to ensure the safety of the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, our state benefits, economically and technologically, from using the International Codes, which are developed by a national, voluntary consensus organization, and our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining its own codes; and

WHEREAS; modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of the largely unknown guardians of public safety, local code officials, who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings; and

WHEREAS, "Code Officials – Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth", the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encourages all Louisianians to become aware of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps that everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Louisianians are asked to consider their commitment to improve building safety and to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by local and state building departments and fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 2017 as Building Safety Month, as sponsored by the International Code Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby encourage the citizens of the state of Louisiana to join with their communities to participate in Building Safety Month activities.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE