

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

BY REPRESENTATIVES PUGH, ARNOLD, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, DANAHAY, DOERGE, DOVE, EDWARDS, FOIL, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HOFFMANN, JOHNSON, LAFONTA, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, MCVEA, MONTOUCET, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, STIAES, TALBOT, THIERRY, AND TUCKER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Louisiana Irish Week in March in celebration of the state's rich Irish heritage.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the third week in March as Louisiana Irish Week in celebration of the state's rich Irish heritage; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March seventeenth each year, and this holiday typically falls during the third week in March; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day began as a Catholic holiday in celebration of the most commonly known patron saint of Ireland and became an official feast day in the 1600s; and

WHEREAS, immigrants from Ireland settled in Louisiana early on, and the major influx of Irish, most of whom were peasants, arrived in the state after 1830, especially following the Irish potato blights of the 1840s; and

WHEREAS, by 1860, there were more than twenty-four thousand Irish immigrants in the city of New Orleans, and many more would settle throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, many Irish, especially those arriving in Louisiana before 1830, held professional jobs and were teachers, lawyers, doctors, architects, and printers; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Irish immigrants have made a significant impact throughout the state of Louisiana, and their economic and cultural contributions are numerous; and

WHEREAS, various cities and towns throughout Louisiana commemorate their Irish heritage in the month of March with parades and other celebratory events; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's rich Irish heritage is an important part of the history of the state and should be celebrated each March in honor of those Irish immigrants who have contributed to the state's unique culture and diversity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the third week in March as Louisiana Irish Week in celebration of the state's rich Irish heritage and does hereby commend Irish throughout the state for their manifold contributions to Louisiana throughout their long and illustrious history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE