

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, ARNOLD, WESLEY BISHOP, LEOPOLD, LORUSSO, AND MORENO AND SENATORS APPEL, HEITMEIER, MORRELL, MURRAY, AND PETERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 29, 2015, as New Orleans Day at the Louisiana Legislature, to commend the city of New Orleans, and to provide suitable observance of this special day.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is nationally and internationally recognized as perhaps the most unique state in the nation because of its amazing variety of major natural and cultural attractions and significant historical sites, and New Orleans plays a vital role in the distinction that Louisiana enjoys; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans, founded in 1718, integrates into its identity two hundred ninety-seven years of rich history, and is worthy of recognition for serving as a gateway to one of America's most unusual states with a diverse cultural heritage and singular historical legacy; and

WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans ranks as the eighth most popular travel destination in the nation, drawing visitors from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the legislature celebrates the world prominence of the city of New Orleans as home to one of America's largest ports and most affordable airports; and

WHEREAS, the legislature celebrates Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, which is setting new records for passengers served, and recognizes its key role in bolstering the city's economy; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans, while celebrating its extraordinary history, is also a dynamic and modern city and is home to diverse industries including tourism, aerospace, oil and gas, shipbuilding, manufacturing, telecommunications, film, music, the visual, performing, and design arts, financial institutions; and facilities for scientific and medical research; and

WHEREAS, through such diverse economic activity, the city of New Orleans generates a substantial amount of tax dollars for the state treasury; and

WHEREAS, more than nine million people visit the city annually, contributing to its economic prosperity, to patronize celebrated restaurants, elegant hotels, fabulous retail shops, and a wealth of entertainment venues; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans' great festivals attract visitors, including almost one-half million for Jazz Fest, over one-half million for French Quarter Fest, and nearly one million for Mardi Gras; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans offers a bevy of cultural treasures, such as the National WWII Museum, the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Contemporary Arts Center, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, Audubon Nature Institute, and the world-renowned musicians and entertainers that call New Orleans home; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans proudly offers countless galleries for international and local art clustered in and around the French Quarter and the nearby Warehouse District, and a beautiful venue for the performing arts and Broadway musicals at the recently remodeled Saenger Theatre; and

WHEREAS, it is the people of many cultural backgrounds that have contributed to the wonderful mixture of sights, sounds, smells, and tastes that makes New Orleans the remarkably distinctive place it is today.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 29, 2015, as New Orleans Day at the Louisiana Legislature and does hereby commend the city of New Orleans and provides that this special day shall be observed with appropriate recognition of the unique history and culture of the Crescent City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Bobby Jindal, governor of the state of Louisiana, and the Honorable Mitchell J. Landrieu, mayor of the city of New Orleans.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE