

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Monday, June 4, 2012, as Microsoft IT Academy Day.

WHEREAS, Microsoft, as part of its corporate mission, endeavors to improve the lives and educational opportunities of all children in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Microsoft strives to constantly invent and put into use products and services which leverage technology for the benefit of learning for all children, including children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Microsoft has selected Louisiana to be a participant in the Microsoft IT Academy program; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the state Department of Education, the Microsoft IT Academy Program will train high school children to become Microsoft Technician Certified upon graduation from high school; and

WHEREAS, more than one thousand eight hundred job openings for Microsoft Technicians currently exist in the state of Louisiana, with an average starting salary in excess of fifty thousand dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of educational advancement in Louisiana, Microsoft has demonstrated for members of the legislature how its KINECT product can be used as an interactive educational tool for children and teachers, allowing children to learn valuable information in an engaging and interactive fashion; and

WHEREAS, Microsoft's KINECT has also been an effective tool in assisting with the education of children with special needs in the United States, particularly children with autism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby recognizes Monday, June 4, 2012, as Microsoft IT Academy Day at the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Andrew Wise.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES