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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana's libraries, librarians, and library staffers and to encourage the celebration of National Library Week, April 10 through 16, 2011.

WHEREAS, first sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide free access to everything from books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining; and

WHEREAS, today, more than ever, Louisiana's school, academic, public, and special libraries are making a true difference in the lives of the state's citizens; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn, and work in a challenging economy; and

WHEREAS, libraries help to level the playing field for job seekers, with eighty-eight public libraries nationwide providing access to job databases and other online resources; and

WHEREAS, libraries are places of opportunity that provide programs teaching all forms of literacy, promoting continuing education, and encouraging lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, every day, the people of Louisiana turn to and depend on their libraries and librarians; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library staffers, and library patrons across this state and nation are celebrating National Library Week; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this special week be set aside in recognition of all of the wonderful resources available at Louisiana libraries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana's libraries, librarians, and library staffers and does hereby encourage the celebration of National Library Week, April 10 through 16, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state librarian of Louisiana.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES