

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize April 23, 2022, as Lacombe Earth Day and as Louisiana Bicycle Festival Day.

WHEREAS, the village of Lacombe and the town of Abita Springs are culturally connected to each other by their common Choctaw Indian heritage, and are physically linked by Tammany Trace, a rails-to-trails project; and

WHEREAS, both towns host such institutions as the Lacombe Heritage Center, the Bayou Lacombe Museum, and the Abita Springs Trailhead Museum, and thus have mutual interests in preserving, protecting, promoting, presenting, and passing along the environmental, historical, and cultural heritage of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, through its Corridors and Trails Rural Tourism Economic Development Initiative, the Lacombe Heritage Center is partnering with Bike Easy and other cycling groups to establish the Louisiana Bootlace Bike Trail Network, a trail system which will surround Lake Pontchartrain and connect Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the northshore area of the Louisiana Bootlace Bike Trail between Slidell and Covington will be designated as the Choctaw Nature Trail, and it will contain a series of informational sites that use interactive outdoor display technology to explore the area's rich Choctaw heritage; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, the village of Lacombe will celebrate Lacombe Earth Day and the city of Abita Springs will celebrate the Louisiana Bicycle Festival.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 23, 2022, as Lacombe Earth Day and as Louisiana Bicycle Festival Day, and hereby encourages citizens of, and visitors to, the

great state of Louisiana to celebrate the day by visiting and making use of the interconnecting network of land trails and aquatic blueways of St. Tammany Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the lieutenant governor of Louisiana and to the parish president of St. Tammany Parish.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES