

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY SENATOR BROOME

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and designate April 21, 2012, as Global Youth Service Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that mobilizes millions of children and youth across the nation to improve their communities each day through service and service-learning; and

WHEREAS, established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world and the only day of service dedicated solely to youth engagement; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, this special day of service is being observed for the twenty-fourth consecutive year in all fifty states and for the thirteenth year globally in more than one hundred countries; and

WHEREAS, high quality community service and service-learning programs increase young people's academic engagement and achievement; workforce readiness and twenty-first century skills; social, emotional, and behavioral skills; and civic knowledge and engagement; and

WHEREAS, community service and service-learning provide opportunities for young people to apply their knowledge, idealism, energy, creativity, and unique perspectives to improve their communities by addressing some of Louisiana's critical issues; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day provides an opportunity for young people to be active citizens; and for schools, community organizations, government agencies, businesses, and families to engage youth as leaders and problem-solvers; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day is an opportunity to recognize our youth for setting a positive example in their communities and making an impact on the most critical social needs of our citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and designate April 21, 2012, as Global Youth Service Day in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the lieutenant governor and to the chairman of the Louisiana Serve Commission.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES