

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May as "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, studies indicate that grandparent caregiving is not as rare a phenomenon as is commonly believed, and that it cuts across class, race, and gender lines; and

WHEREAS, for various reasons, grandparents sometimes take on the primary responsibility for raising a grandchild and a growing number of grandparents are now taking on that role; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau shows more than six million children nationwide are being raised in households headed by grandparents and other relatives; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, approximately one hundred seventeen thousand eight hundred fifty-nine children live in grandparent-headed households; and

WHEREAS, another twenty-six thousand six hundred ninety-one children live in households headed by other relatives; and

WHEREAS, grandparents across the United States are accepting the responsibility of raising their grandchildren, thereby providing a stable, loving environment and helping to ensure that they prosper and grow into productive members of society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May as "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Information Center of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE