

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To designate April 18, 2019, as "Lineman Appreciation Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, National Lineman Appreciation Day is a time to express the utmost appreciation to the great men and women who work so hard for the public every day; and

WHEREAS, this day of appreciation is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work, innovation, and dedication of electrical linemen in Louisiana and across the country; and

WHEREAS, it is worth noting that if the power is on in Louisiana, all Louisianians have the hardworking linemen to thank; and

WHEREAS, from the power plant, the grid crisscrossing the country both above and underground, to the meters on homes, the men and women who are electrical linemen build and maintain the system that keeps this nation powered; and

WHEREAS, linemen are often among the first responders after storms and other catastrophic events, working to restore power, and some sense of normalcy; and

WHEREAS, linemen work with thousands of volts coursing through wires high above the ground or deep below it, twenty-four hours a day, all days of the year, whenever repairs, maintenance, or improvements are needed; and

WHEREAS, as familiar as Louisianians are with hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters, it should be simple to recall the highways and parking lots of big box stores loaded with electrical linemen and their equipment arriving from all over the country to restore power to homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, linemen often work under dangerous conditions, whether atop high wires or below ground restoring power or constructing increased capacity to meet the people's needs; and

WHEREAS, linemen put their lives in danger nearly every day in order to keep electricity flowing, bringing power to fuel all the devices that define life in this new century; and

WHEREAS, for their bravery in doing a dangerous job, willingness to help those in need around the country, and professionalism in first responder situations that often take them far from home, it is appropriate to designate April 18, 2019, as Lineman Appreciation Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate April 18, 2019, as "Lineman Appreciation Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Public Service Commission and the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE