

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

To proclaim April 27, 2010, as Grandparents Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the United States-based Grandparents Day originated with housewife Marian McQuade in Fayette County, West Virginia in 1973; and

WHEREAS, the primary motivation behind Grandparents Day was to promote the need to pay attention to lonely and elderly people in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, Marian McQuade also hoped to persuade grandchildren to listen to their grandparents and learn from the years of wisdom of their grandparents; and

WHEREAS, it is important to keep a family tree and strive to preserve particular ethnic or religious beliefs because each child and grandchild needs to know the ancestral line of his parents and grandparents; and

WHEREAS, President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the first National Grandparents Day in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in many cultures, the older members of a family or community are highly respected and honored for their age-proven wisdom; and

WHEREAS, though some grandparents live with their families and others choose to live in their own homes or retirement villages, grandparents have a special place of honor in their family and should be remembered often, especially on their own special day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby proclaim April 27, 2010, as Grandparents Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE