

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A RESOLUTION

To designate the month of May as Foster Care Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, every child deserves the safety, love and well-being of a permanent family and home; and

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our communities; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, more than eight thousand children and youth are served annually in foster care and are provided with safe, secure, and stable homes, and the compassion and love of foster families; and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who provides a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship, and adoptive families play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, professionals, community, and faith based organizations are working to increase public awareness of the needs of children in or leaving foster care, and the enduring and valuable contributions of foster parents is worthy of recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Care & Adoption Caucus has been created in the Legislature of Louisiana to bring adoption and foster care issues to the forefront of consciousness for legislators and policy makers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the month of May as Foster Care Month in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Kim Carver of the Louisiana Institute of Children in Families, Judge Madeleine Landrieu, and the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES