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## **ORIGINAL**

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY SENATOR JOHNS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Declares Thursday, May 3, 2018, as Rotary Peace Day.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To declare Thursday, May 3, 2018, as Rotary Peace Day.
3	WHEREAS, Rotary, which began in 1905, is a volunteer organization and
4	recognized leader in efforts to improve the quality of life in communities around the world
5	with the motto of "Service above Self"; and
6	WHEREAS, three of the 530 worldwide Rotary International Districts serve the state
7	of Louisiana consisting of District 6190, District 6200, and District 6840 with a combined
8	membership count of over 5000 Rotarians; and
9	WHEREAS, Rotarians in partnership with UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease
10	Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Bill & Melinda
11	Gates Foundation, and governments of the world have embarked on a campaign which began
12	in 1989 to eradicate the polio virus from the world; and
13	WHEREAS, the campaign to end polio has reduced the incident rate of humans
14	contracting this dreaded disease from 350,000 new cases per year worldwide in 1988 to a
15	total of 22 reported cases throughout all of 2017 which were isolated to only two of three
16	remaining endemic countries; and
17	WHEREAS, Rotary International supports the organized youth volunteer program
18	of INTERACT for high school students and ROTARACT for younger citizens ranging in

age from 18 through 30 who serve their communities in various efforts to improve our
 quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International supports the organized youth program of Rotary Youth Exchange which allows U.S. high school students to study for one year in a foreign country and allows foreign high school students to study for one year in the U.S. to benefit from the expanded educational and cultural opportunities as well as advance world peace and understanding; and

8 WHEREAS, Rotary International supports the organized youth program of Rotary 9 Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) which allows U.S. high school students to attend a 10 five-day leadership training camp to advance leadership skills and foster an exchange of 11 ideas between our young leaders; and

- WHEREAS, Rotary International supports the organized exchange of best practices
  in various professional fields with other countries as part of the Vocational Training Team
  (VTT) program; and
- WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation is a nonprofit organization which allows members of Rotary International and others to donate funds that are used by Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts to implement projects that target one of six focus areas: 1) peace and conflict prevention/resolution, 2) water and sanitation, 3) maternal and child health, 4) basic education and literacy, 5) disease prevention and treatment, and 6) economic and community development; and
- WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation has a four star rating by Charity Navigator for
  obtaining a maximum achievable score of 100.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
  does hereby declare Thursday, May 3, 2018, as Rotary Peace Day.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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