

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, December 4, 2018, as Helping Parents Heal Day in Louisiana and to honor grieving parents and siblings who have experienced the loss of a child.

WHEREAS, parents and siblings who have lost a son, daughter, brother, or sister are especially prone to an experience of grief and mourning that is acute and enduring; and

WHEREAS, given that the presence of children alters the way that families see the world, the death of a child is one of the most horrible nightmares a parent or sibling can experience; and

WHEREAS, the child that the family once enjoyed and deeply loved can never be lost because the child became a part of who they are; and

WHEREAS, the mourning process includes acknowledging the experiences that the child will be unable to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, some comfort can be found in the fact that every child's life has a purpose and value that can never be lost even in the face of tragedy; and

WHEREAS, Helping Parents Heal, and its affiliate organization in Louisiana, understands how a grieving parent or sibling feels; and

WHEREAS, Helping Parents Heal is dedicated to assisting grieving parents and siblings in the healing process by providing support and resources; and

WHEREAS, Helping Parents Heal also assists in the healing process by facilitating open discussions of spiritual experiences in a nondogmatic way; and

WHEREAS, Helping Parents Heal helps parents and siblings realize that their children, brothers, and sisters can remain vibrant parts of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Helping Parents Heal helps parents and siblings come to terms with the reality that their children are not dead, but living, much like a seemingly "dead" flower is

instead a transplanted one that blooms in more vibrant colors and sweeter shades than the flowers on earth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, December 4, 2018, as Helping Parents Heal Day in Louisiana, and hereby honors grieving parents and siblings who have experienced the loss of a child.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jason Durham on behalf of his daughter Bailey Caroline Durham and to the Louisiana affiliate of Helping Parents Heal.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE