

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Monday, May 8, 2023, as Louisiana Renewable Energy Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, May 8, 2023, as Louisiana Renewable Energy Day at the state  
3 capitol.

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana boasts impressive supplies of onshore and offshore energy  
5 resources; and

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana's natural resources have provided thousands of jobs and  
7 billions of dollars in economic development; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Louisiana's rich  
9 history and expertise in energy development will pave the way for new emerging industries;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, solar energy has become increasingly affordable and efficient in recent  
12 years and can provide significant economic and environmental benefits to our state; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association, Louisiana's solar  
14 energy resources are expected to grow by more than ten-fold over the next few years; and

15 WHEREAS, solar growth in Louisiana could bring over four billion dollars in  
16 economic development and over four thousand construction jobs; and

17 WHEREAS, wind energy is an abundant and growing source of renewable energy  
18 that can create jobs and economic opportunities in Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is anticipated to lease over  
20 one hundred thousand acres of offshore area for renewable energy development near Lake  
21 Charles, which could power over four hundred thirty-five thousand homes; and

1           WHEREAS, Louisiana's maritime and oil and gas industries were instrumental in  
2 building the United States' first offshore wind farm; and

3           WHEREAS, battery storage technology is improving rapidly and can play a critical  
4 role in integrating renewable energy sources into our electric grid and creating new jobs in  
5 the energy sector; and

6           WHEREAS, hydrogen is a versatile energy carrier that can be produced from  
7 renewable sources and used in a variety of applications, including transportation and  
8 industrial processes, creating new economic opportunities in Louisiana; and

9           WHEREAS, the potential for growth in the clean hydrogen sector is anticipated to  
10 be significant in Louisiana due to the state's existing infrastructure and expertise, and  
11 development of the Hydrogen Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma Hydrogen Hub; and

12           WHEREAS, the vast majority of new power plant facilities proposed in Louisiana  
13 are renewable energy projects across fifty parishes; and

14           WHEREAS, the development of renewable energy and clean energy jobs can create  
15 good-paying jobs and support local economies in Louisiana, particularly in rural and coastal  
16 areas that have been hard hit by economic challenges; and

17           WHEREAS, supporting renewable energy and clean energy jobs can help diversify  
18 our state's economy, and position Louisiana as a leader in the transition to a clean energy  
19 future; and

20           WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the House of Representatives of the  
21 Legislature of Louisiana to recognize Louisiana Renewable Energy Day.

22           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, May 8, 2023, as Louisiana  
24 Renewable Energy Day at the state capitol.

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DIGEST

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