

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, June 1, 2023, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum, a non-profit educational and cultural organization, opened its doors in August 2017 in the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge's City-Brooks Park; and

WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum is built on a foundation of evidence-based research regarding the critical importance of play and its impact on early brain development and learning; and

WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum set forth to fulfill its mission to be a community spark for engaging, playful learning experiences that inspire and support lifelong learning, serving more than 600,000 children, birth through age eight, and their families, including visitors from all sixty-four Louisiana parishes but also thousands of visitors from other states and countries; and

WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum survived the COVID-19 pandemic despite being shut down for four hundred and forty-seven days; during the height of the pandemic, the museum continued to provide high-quality early learning experiences, bringing the Knock Knock at Your Door initiative out into the community through learning kits, virtual online livestream activities for children, and virtual professional development for educators; and

WHEREAS Knock Knock Children's Museum, a contributor to the local economy, helps close both the knowledge and opportunity gap in the greater capital region by knocking down barriers for families through its Access for All programs for children with disabilities or special needs and an expanding population of children living in under-resourced environments and poverty; and

WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum provides a safe and inclusive space where families can connect in meaningful ways and is a place where parents and caregivers can spend quality time with children, learn something new themselves, and experience the joy of becoming immersed in purposeful, meaningful play in the museum's eighteen Learning Zones; and

WHEREAS Knock Knock Children's Museum remains focused on all areas of development and learning, with a special emphasis on increasing early literacy skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) while expanding knowledge and raising interest in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) subjects, careers, and future career pathways; and

WHEREAS Knock Knock Children's Museum recognizes the gap in professional learning opportunities for early STEM education and continues to provide professional development to hundreds of elementary and early childhood educators through "making and tinkering" workshops, emphasizing creative thinking and problem-solving, innovation, and workforce development skills.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, June 1, 2023, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the state capitol; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Knock Knock Children's Museum and does hereby recognize the Knock Knock Children's Museum's pivotal role in advancing Louisiana's early childhood educational, cultural, and economic development by providing opportunities to learn, explore, and discover in its award-winning 26,000 square-foot facility.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES