2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 274

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society on hosting the 2023 Astronomical League Convention.

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society (BRAS) was founded in 1981 by a group of individuals with a shared interest in amateur astronomy; it has been sustained for more than four decades and currently consists of more than eighty members; and

WHEREAS, BRAS members range from individuals seeking to learn the basics of amateur astronomy to those who are experienced in specific subject matters such as the visual night sky, cosmology, observing techniques, setting circles, astrophotography, optics, and telescope making; and

WHEREAS, BRAS members meet at the Highland Road Park Observatory in Baton Rouge, and this July, the society is hosting the annual convention of its national parent organization, the Astronomical League, at the Hilton Capitol Center Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the Astronomical League represents more than two hundred astronomy clubs and societies nationwide, and its mission is to foster astronomical education by encouraging astronomical observation and research; a member club is chosen each year to host the national convention, and 2023 marks the first time that it will be held in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society is an inspiring group of dedicated students of the heavens who are most deserving of the highest recognition for their efforts to promote astronomical education in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society on hosting the 2023 Astronomical League Convention; does hereby join with BRAS in welcoming colleagues from around the country to Baton Rouge for the convention; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that BRAS and all amateur astronomers continue to prosper in all of their endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES