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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "America 250" on license plates for private passenger motor vehicles

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "America 250" on
3	license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and to issue such plates not later
4	than January 2, 2025, through December 31, 2026, or until the Department of Public
5	Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of plates.
6	WHEREAS, July 4, 1776, through July 4, 2026, marks the two hundred fiftieth
7	anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America; and
8	WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted
9	the Declaration of Independence, announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain;
10	and
11	WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence summarized the colonists' motivations
12	for seeking independence; and
13	WHEREAS, by declaring themselves an independent nation, the American colonists
14	were able to confirm an official alliance with the Government of France and obtain French
15	assistance in the war against Great Britain; and
16	WHEREAS, when the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April
17	1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did
18	were considered radical; and
19	WHEREAS, by the middle of the following year, many more colonists had come to
20	favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of

1 revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the best-selling pamphlet "Common 2 Sense," published by Thomas Paine in early 1776; and 3 WHEREAS, the Continental Congress met in Pennsylvania in June of 1776, a motion 4 was introduced calling for the colonies' independence; and 5 WHEREAS, after heated debate, a vote on the resolution was postponed, but a 6 committee was appointed to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain; 7 and 8 WHEREAS, on July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of the 9 resolution for independence followed by the formal adoption of the Declaration of 10 Independence on July 4, 1776; and 11 WHEREAS, July 4th became the date of the official celebration of American 12 independence; and 13 WHEREAS, the Fourth of July is celebrated annually as "Independence Day", a 14 beloved national holiday with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to 15 family gatherings and barbecues; and 16 WHEREAS, Louisiana proudly celebrates the birth of our nation on the Fourth of 17 July; and 18 WHEREAS, residents of Louisiana would like to be able to show their patriotic pride 19 for the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United 20 States of America with a commemorative specialty license plate. 21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 22 direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint Louisiana license plates 23 for private passenger motor vehicles with a design proposed by the America 250 Louisiana 24 State Commission that includes the "America 250" logo on the plate the words and which 25 retains Louisiana in red on the top of the plate, and on which shall be provided space for the 26 yearly validation sticker in the bottom right-hand corner. 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the license plate described in this Resolution, 28 which shall require no additional state funding, shall be an official license plate. 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections

shall begin imprinting the plates at such time and on such a schedule as necessary to allow

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1 for issuance of the "America 250" license plate for private passenger motor vehicles

- 2 beginning not later than January 2, 2025, and shall continue issuing such plates through
- 3 December 31, 2026, or until the Department of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its
- 4 inventory of such plates, whichever is later.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on December 31, 2026, or after the Department
- 6 of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of such plates, whichever is later, the
- 7 department shall cease issuing the "America 250" license plate and the design of the standard
- 8 Louisiana license plate shall revert to the design which received legislative approval as
- 9 required in R.S. 47:463(A)(3) through passage of House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 of
- the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be transmitted to the
- secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the deputy secretary of the
- 13 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 15 America 250 Louisiana State Commission.

DIGEST

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Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint the "America 250" logo on official license plates for private passenger motor vehicles in accordance with a design developed by the America 250 Louisiana State Commission. Requires that the department begin issuing plates not later than Jan. 2, 2025, and continue to issue the plates through Dec. 31, 2026, or until the inventory of such plates is depleted, whichever is later. Specifies that after Dec. 31, 2026, the license plate design will revert to the design which received legislative approval as required in <u>present law</u> (R.S. 47:463(A)(3)) through passage of House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation</u>, <u>Highways and Public Works</u> to the <u>original bill</u>:

- 1. Require the placement of the "America 250" logo on the plate instead of specifically on the bottom of the plate.
- 2. Remove language requiring the replacement of the words "Sportsman's Paradise" to allow those words to remain on the plate.