

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

VITAL RECORDS/BIRTH CERT: Requests the Vital Records Registry to effectuate the provisions of R.S. 40:34.2

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Vital Records Registry to effectuate the provisions of R.S. 40:34.2
3 regarding the recordation of the correct surname on birth certificates.

4 WHEREAS, in Hispanic culture, each person has two surnames with the first
5 surname coming from the father and the second surname coming from the mother; and

6 WHEREAS, the purpose of Act No. 645 from the 2022 Regular Session was to allow
7 Hispanic families to follow their customs regarding surnames; and

8 WHEREAS, R.S. 40:34.2(2)(e) provides that if the mother or the father whose
9 surname may be given to a child possesses both a paternal and maternal surname according
10 to national custom or practice, the surname of the child may be consistent with the national
11 custom or practice of the mother or father; and

12 WHEREAS, the Vital Records Registry is to respond to statutory mandates related
13 to the collection, maintenance, issuance, and preservation of birth, death, fetal death,
14 marriage, and other vital events; and

15 WHEREAS, it is important for individuals to uphold and embrace their cultural
16 customs.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Vital Records Registry to
19 effectuate the provisions of R.S. 40:34.2 to allow Hispanic families to register their surnames
20 consistent with their customs.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 State Registrar Office of Vital Records.

DIGEST

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