

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, March 27, 2024, as "Anti-Hunger Day" in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity affect more than 380,000 households in Louisiana, impacting individuals and families regardless of age, race, or background; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has the country's second-highest rate of child poverty, with more than 234,000 food-insecure children; Louisiana's rate of food insecurity among seniors is 4.8%, which is the highest in the country; childhood and senior hunger are of particular concern in Louisiana, with many children and elderly citizens facing daily challenges in accessing nutritious meals, which are essential for healthy development in children and for maintaining the health and well-being of seniors; and

WHEREAS, Feeding Louisiana has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment in the fight against hunger, working in collaboration with a network of food banks and partners across the state to distribute food, support nutrition programs, and advocate for policies that reduce hunger and improve food security; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Feeding Louisiana and its partners are vital in addressing not just the symptoms but the root causes of hunger, making a tangible difference in the lives of countless Louisianans by ensuring access to healthy food for vulnerable children and seniors among others; and

WHEREAS, despite the significant contributions of Feeding Louisiana, local organizations, food banks, charities, schools, and community groups, the need for food and support in our communities continues to grow, highlighting the importance of statewide awareness, collaboration, and action to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of an Anti-Hunger Day in Louisiana serves as a powerful statement of our collective commitment to end hunger, raise awareness about the issue and the ways in which every citizen can contribute to the fight against it, and strengthen the bonds of community and compassion that define our state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, March 27, 2024, as "Anti-Hunger Day" in Louisiana; does hereby extend heartfelt gratitude to Feeding Louisiana for its leadership and tireless efforts in the fight against hunger; does hereby recognize the critical importance of the work to address childhood and senior hunger; and does hereby encourage all citizens, businesses, schools, and organizations in Louisiana to observe Anti-Hunger Day by participating in or supporting activities and initiatives aimed at reducing hunger and improving food security in the community.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE