

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY REPRESENTATIVE MYERS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 2, 2024, as a National Day of Prayer.

WHEREAS, since the founding of the United States of America, Americans have turned to God for guidance and wisdom; our nation's historic figures and leaders have consistently called upon their countrymen to collectively seek divine insight and acknowledge God's role in guiding our nation towards a hopeful future; and

WHEREAS, General George Washington declared a day of fasting and prayer during the fight for American independence; following the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln called upon prayer to heal the nation; decades later, President Ronald Reagan recognized the country's enduring reliance on prayer during struggles such as wars and national crises; and

WHEREAS, the American tradition of prayer continues to guide our country through the trials of today; through prayer, we are reminded to humble ourselves and seek divine wisdom and healing; and

WHEREAS, Americans depend on God's boundless love, mercy, and wisdom, and prayer is the compass that helps guide our nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Congress called on the president to issue an annual proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer "on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 2, 2024, as a National Day of Prayer and does hereby urge all Louisianians to recognize this solemn day and join one another in prayer.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES