

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 200

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as City Year Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, City Year was founded in 1988 as a national service program to unite young adults from diverse backgrounds for a year of full-time community service; the program has since grown to more than three-thousand members who serve twenty-nine U.S. cities as well as the South Africa City Year and U.K. City Year programs; and

WHEREAS, City Year advances education equity by supporting students who are furthest from opportunities, and the program prioritizes national service to develop diverse leaders who can work in equally diverse environments; and

WHEREAS, City Year also delivers its fully-integrated Whole School Whole Child Program in public schools across the country; the program allows AmeriCorps members who are between eighteen- and twenty-five years old to serve as student success coaches who help students cultivate social, emotional, and academic skills; and

WHEREAS, City Year Louisiana was founded in 2006 following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and aimed to provide aid to children and families affected by the storms; in 2011, the branch divided into City Year Baton Rouge and City Year New Orleans in order to better serve the state; and

WHEREAS, City Year Baton Rouge and City Year New Orleans are now in their eighteenth year of service; the programs work in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, Baton Rouge charter schools, and the Orleans Parish School Board; today, the program is delivered to over three-thousand students across Louisiana by sixty AmeriCorps members and twenty-three full-time staff members; and

WHEREAS, City Year's nonprofit services benefit both the students who are served and the AmeriCorps members who serve them; and

WHEREAS, City Year Baton Rouge is led by Dr. Luz Randolph, and City Year New Orleans is led by Arielle McConduit Ashley.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as City Year Day at the state capitol and does hereby extend sincere wishes that the program continue its excellent work in our state for many years to come.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES