

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

A RESOLUTION

To designate Friday, April 18, 2025, as Two Lights For Tomorrow Day at the state capitol and to commemorate the historic alert by Paul Revere in 1775.

WHEREAS, Louisiana recognizes the importance of honoring and commemorating the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our nation and reminding our citizens of the vital significance and relevance of our founding principles and ideals that created a unique national identity worth fighting for; and

WHEREAS, the events of 1775 that began the revolution the year before independence was declared are significant moments that signaled the creation of a national identity and unity of purpose that transcended traditional geographic, cultural, and societal divides; individuals and communities across all the colonies came together to support their fellow countrymen; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of April 18, 1775, with impending hostile action from the British army in Boston, Massachusetts, Paul Revere and William Dawes along with other alarm riders undertook a perilous ride to alert everyone in the countryside of the coming danger; and

WHEREAS, preceding their departure from Boston, a prearranged signal was set in the Old North Church steeple to ensure that the message got out and did not solely rely on just one or two alarm riders; and

WHEREAS, the two lanterns that were the signal were immortalized in a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow called Paul Revere's Ride as "One if by land, and two if by sea" and have become an enduring symbol of American vigilance, perseverance, and preparedness in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, the alarm riders and the citizens that answered the call to arms to serve and defend their fellow countrymen that night and the following day at the battles of Lexington and Concord exemplify the spirit of community and shared responsibility that has defined our nation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, two hundred fifty years later, Americans are reminded that the call for unity and the call to serve each other is no less relevant today than it was then; and

WHEREAS, a national initiative has been proposed through collaboration from multiple states that two lights be displayed in public spaces across the country for all to see marking that significant anniversary in April 2025 and the beginning of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary commemorations leading up to the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, state commissions, state governments, federal agencies, and community, heritage, and historical organizations across the country have eagerly endorsed the initiative and pledge to support and participate and have encouraged others to do the same.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Friday, April 18, 2025, as Two Lights For Tomorrow Day at the state capitol and commemorate the historic alert by Paul Revere in 1775.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES