

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Black Farmers and Growers Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Black Farmers and Growers Day at the state
3 capitol and commends black farmers and growers of Louisiana for their outstanding
4 efforts in fostering a more inclusive and sustainable agricultural sector in the state.

5 WHEREAS, the National Black Growers Council (NBGC) is a coalition of
6 multigenerational producers dedicated to advancing the interests of black farmers at the
7 local, state, and national levels; and

8 WHEREAS, the NBGC is a champion in agriculture both within the United States
9 and internationally with a mission to improve efficiency, productivity, and sustainability of
10 black row crop farmers; and

11 WHEREAS, black farmers play a vital role in Louisiana's agricultural landscape,
12 contributing significantly to the state's economy and cultural heritage; and

13 WHEREAS, according to a 2022 Census of Agriculture by the United States
14 Department of Agriculture, Louisiana has roughly three thousand black or African American
15 producers managing over two hundred twenty-six thousand acres of farmland; and

16 WHEREAS, these producers are involved in a diverse range of agricultural activities,
17 including the cultivation of crops such as sugarcane, soybeans, and corn, as well as livestock
18 farming that support local economies and preserve farming traditions passed down through
19 generations; and

20 WHEREAS, despite their contributions, black farmers in Louisiana face challenges
21 such as limited access to capital, land, and technical assistance; and

1 WHEREAS, organizations like the NBGC work to address these issues by
2 advocating for equitable policies, providing resources, and promoting sustainable farming
3 practices.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Black Farmers
6 and Growers Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend all the black farmers and
7 growers of this state for their outstanding efforts in fostering a more inclusive and
8 sustainable agricultural sector in the state.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
10 to the Louisiana-based board member of the National Black Growers Council, Mr. Willis
11 Nelson.

DIGEST

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