

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 29, 2025, as Louisiana Arts Day in the state.

WHEREAS, the arts are a vital part of Louisiana's rich cultural heritage, fostering creativity, strengthening communities, and inspiring innovation across generations; and

WHEREAS, the creative industries contribute over \$6.6 billion annually to the Louisiana economy, support more than 58,000 jobs statewide, and significantly enhance tourism, drawing millions of visitors each year to experience Louisiana's vibrant music, festivals, visual arts, and cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, access to the arts improves the quality of life, advances educational outcomes, and enhances health and well-being for people of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts serves as a statewide network supporting artists, cultural organizations, and creative enterprises; advocates for equitable access to the arts across urban, rural, and tribal communities; and works in collaborative partnership with the Louisiana Division of the Arts and Regional Arts Councils of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts created the Louisiana Arts Caucus to establish a two-way conversation between the Legislature of Louisiana and the state's leading arts organizations and artists; this initiative provides legislators with direct access to the insights, concerns, and innovations of Louisiana's creative sector – one of our most vital economic and cultural assets; the Caucus serves as a forum to explore how state policy can best support and strengthen the arts, foster cultural preservation, and drive local economic development across all regions of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, working together ensures that the arts continue to thrive and contribute meaningfully to the cultural economy, leading to the prosperity of our state; and

WHEREAS, the state honors outstanding contributions to the arts through Art is Life awards, recognizing exemplary individuals and organizations elevating arts and culture in their communities; and

WHEREAS, 2025 Art is Life Award recipients are: Art is Life Corporate Philanthropy Award – Shell USA; Art is Life Lifetime Achievement Award – Randy Haynie and Haynie Family; and Art is Life Legislator of the Year – Michael T. Johnson, District 27.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, April 29, 2025, as Louisiana Arts Day in the state and does hereby encourage all citizens to celebrate and support the arts as a cornerstone of our economy, culture, and collective well-being.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES