

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as "Anti-Hunger Day" in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity affect approximately 683,110 households in Louisiana, impacting individuals and families regardless of age, race, or background; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana had the country's second highest rate of child poverty in 2024; with more than 25% of Louisiana children experiencing food insecurity, childhood hunger is of particular concern for the many children who face daily challenges in accessing nutritious meals needed for healthy development and education; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's rate of food insecurity among seniors is 14%, which is the highest in the nation; senior hunger is a serious concern as many elderly citizens face the choice of buying food, medicine, or paying for housing; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity is shown to increase serious, lifelong health complications in children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Feeding Louisiana has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment in the fight against hunger, working in collaboration with a network of five regional food banks: Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana, Food Bank of Central Louisiana, Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, and Second Harvest Food Bank; Feeding Louisiana partners with agencies and individuals across the state to distribute food, support nutrition programs, and advocate for policies that reduce hunger and improve food security; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Feeding Louisiana and its partners are vital in addressing both the symptoms and the root cause of hunger and make a tangible difference in the lives

of countless Louisianans by ensuring access to nutritious food for vulnerable citizens, including children and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the need for food and support in our communities continues to grow despite the significant contributions of Feeding Louisiana; food banks, local organizations, charities, schools, and community groups work together to bring statewide awareness, collaboration, and action to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of "Anti-Hunger Day" in Louisiana serves as a powerful statement of our collective commitment to end hunger, raises awareness about the issue of food insecurity and the ways in which every citizen can contribute to the fight against it, and strengthens the bonds of community and compassion that define our state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as "Anti-Hunger Day" in Louisiana; does hereby extend heartfelt gratitude to Feeding Louisiana for its leadership and tireless efforts in the fight against hunger; does hereby recognize the critical importance of the work done to address hunger in Louisiana, especially regarding children and our senior citizens; and does hereby encourage all citizens, businesses, schools, and organizations in Louisiana to observe "Anti-Hunger Day" by participating in or supporting activities and initiatives aimed at reducing hunger and improving food security in the community.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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