

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, June 4, 2025, as Opportunity Youth Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Opportunity Youth Alliance (LOYAL) is a network of direct service providers and advocacy organizations working to ensure that public policies and institutions support the needs of Louisiana's disconnected youth; its focus is building a stronger connective fabric that supports all young people as they transition from school to the workforce; and

WHEREAS, an "opportunity youth" is defined as a person between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four years who is not enrolled in school and does not work; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has the second-highest youth disconnection rate in the country, with more than eighty-six thousand six hundred disconnected youth throughout the state, which is three thousand six hundred more than the capacity of the New Orleans Superdome; and

WHEREAS, prioritizing opportunity youth will not only expand education and workforce opportunities, but also expand the pool of talent that employers can access to meet their workforce needs, while averting the societal cost associated with disconnection; and

WHEREAS, Opportunity Youth Day at the state capitol provides an opportunity for youth and youth-serving organizations throughout the state to come together in Baton Rouge to learn more about the legislative process, engage with elected officials, and celebrate their commitment to improving the lives of opportunity youth in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, June 4, 2025, as Louisiana's Opportunity Youth Day at the state capitol and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to support youth-serving organizations in the state and beyond.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE