

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 801

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARTINEZ, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOYER, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, FISHER, FREIBERG, GREEN, HEBERT, CHANCE HENRY, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, LACOMBE, JACOB LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MENA, MURRAY, NEWELL, SPELL, TURNER, WALTERS, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS ALLAIN, BARROW, BARTHELEMY, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HENSGENS, KLEINPETER, LUNEAU, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, REESE, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, STINE, WHEAT, AND WOMACK

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to
3 establish the "Classic Black We Will Never Forget: Caroline and Maggie" special
4 prestige license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation,
5 fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.243. Special prestige license plate; Classic Black We Will Never Forget:
10 Caroline and Maggie plate

11 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
12 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Classic
13 Black We Will Never Forget: Caroline and Maggie" plate, provided that there is a
14 minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to
15 use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

16 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
17 vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory

1 provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system
2 is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

3 B. The design shall display the license plate number as a white alpha-
4 numeric series on a black background in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The
5 design shall include a white border with "LOUISIANA" centered at the top of the
6 plate.

7 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
8 citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

9 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars
10 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This royalty
11 fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article
12 VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana and a handling fee of three dollars
13 and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
14 administrative costs.

15 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
16 to the Donald J. Thibodeaux Training Center in Zachary, Louisiana. The monies
17 received from the royalty fees shall be used for emergency vehicle operations
18 training for local governments pursuant to R.S. 40:1375.

19 F. The secretary shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are
20 necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____