

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 21, 2013, as Rhonda McCullough Day in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Rhonda McCullough for her hard work in raising awareness for sarcoidosis
3 and to recognize April 21, 2013, as Rhonda McCullough Day in Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of
5 Rhonda McCullough, the wife of the late, famed comedian and actor Bernie Mac, whose
6 death in 2008 was caused by complications from sarcoidosis; and

7 WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that can affect almost any organ
8 in the body and causes heightened immunity, which means that a person's immune system,
9 which normally protects the body from infection and disease, overreacts, resulting in damage
10 to the body's own tissues; and

11 WHEREAS, on April 21, 2013, Mrs. McCullough was the guest speaker at The
12 Sarcoidosis Awareness Foundation of Louisiana's "Stepping Out Against Sarcoidosis"; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. McCullough founded the Bernie Mac Foundation in 2007, one
14 year before her husband died, and under her highly skilled leadership, the organization has
15 actively worked to increase awareness regarding sarcoidosis; and

16 WHEREAS, the Bernie Mac Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to
17 raising funds for research and increasing awareness of sarcoidosis and serves patients as a
18 community and meeting place to learn and discuss the effects of sarcoidosis; and

1 WHEREAS, on October 5, 2012, Bernie Mac's birthday, Mrs. McCullough's many
2 years of hard work and persistence came to fruition with the opening of the Bernie Mac
3 Sarcoidosis Translational Advanced Research Clinic at the University of Illinois Health and
4 Science System; and

5 WHEREAS, the dedicated and tireless Rhonda McCullough merits a special measure
6 of recognition and commendation upon visiting Louisiana to raise awareness for sarcoidosis
7 and for sharing her vision and mission with the Sarcoidosis Awareness Foundation of
8 Louisiana on April 21, 2013.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 21, 2013, as Rhonda McCullough Day
11 in Louisiana, does hereby commend Rhonda McCullough, wife of the late, famed comedian
12 Bernie Mac, for her work in raising awareness for sarcoidosis, does hereby recognize and
13 record for posterity her exceptional talents in philanthropy and vital contributions to
14 sarcoidosis research, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride
15 and honor she brings to her community, her family, and her country, and does hereby extend
16 to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
18 to Rhonda McCullough, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bernie Mac
19 Foundation.

DIGEST

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Recognizes April 21, 2013, as Rhonda McCullough Day in La., and commends Mrs. McCullough for her commitment to raising awareness regarding sarcoidosis throughout the United States.