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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 129

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RECREATION: Requests the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to study policies, practices, and funding needed to ensure that parks and recreation centers provide recreation equipment and opportunities appropriate for children with disabilities

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to
3	study policies, practices, and funding needed to ensure that parks and recreation
4	centers provide recreation equipment and opportunities appropriate for children with
5	disabilities and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the
6	convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
7	WHEREAS, the provision of recreation facilities and opportunities is one of the
8	critical responsibilities of local governments in Louisiana; and
9	WHEREAS, in fulfilling this responsibility, parishes, municipalities, and recreation
10	districts provide all manner of parks, tracks, riding centers, playgrounds, courts, pools,
11	ballfields, gyms, and other facilities outfitted with a large variety of specialized recreational
12	items and equipment; and
13	WHEREAS, recreation facilities are such a widespread and popular part of the
14	Louisiana landscape that many Louisiana citizens take them for granted and are not even
15	aware that they are provided by public entities; and
16	WHEREAS, most Louisiana citizens can readily identify some way in which public
17	recreation facilities and opportunities contribute to their physical and psychological health;
18	and

1 WHEREAS, it is therefore of critical importance that recreation facilities and 2 opportunities be structured, equipped, or offered in such a way that they are accessible and 3 can be fully enjoyed by all Louisiana citizens, including children with disabilities; and 4 WHEREAS, little is known about the current state of the accessibility of Louisiana's recreation facilities and opportunities for children with disabilities, and the House of 5 6 Representatives is in dire need of further information about those policies, practices, and 7 funding streams that would best move the state toward its goal of full access to appropriate 8 recreation facilities and opportunities for all children with disabilities. 9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 10 Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and 11 Cultural Affairs to study policies, practices, and funding needed to ensure that parks and 12 recreation centers provide recreation equipment and opportunities appropriate for children 13 with disabilities and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the 14 convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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