Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO AND SENATOR APPEL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH:  Recognizes the 225th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington on April 30, 2014

1              A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2    To urge and request the citizens of Louisiana to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the

3         inauguration of George Washington as president of the United States.

4         WHEREAS, in the annals of every great nation, there are leaders whose legacy will

5    endure through the ages, and George Washington was one such leader; and

6         WHEREAS, as president, George Washington led the nation through its first and

7    perhaps most difficult years by remaining faithful to the principles upon which it was

8    founded and, in so doing, he established the standard that every president since has hoped

9    to emulate; and

10        WHEREAS, on April 30, 2014, the nation commemorates the 225th anniversary of

11   his inauguration; and

12        WHEREAS, revered for his leadership during the Revolutionary War, Washington

13   was elected to office by a unanimous electoral vote in 1788, and dutifully answered the call

14   to serve his country as president, even though it required great personal sacrifice; and

15        WHEREAS, although Washington had served his country loyally for many years as

16   a soldier and statesman and had looked forward to retirement at his beloved home at Mount

17   Vernon, he nevertheless was also thoroughly aware of the young nation's vulnerability, and

18   thus the man who had helped the United States to gain independence from Great Britain now

19   agreed to help give it a firm footing; and

1    WHEREAS, George Washington neither sought nor desired political power, loved

2    liberty and trusted the American people, and believed that the American people were not

3    only entitled to a system of self-government but were also capable of keeping it; and

4    WHEREAS, on April 30, 1789, George Washington was inaugurated before a

5    jubilant crowd at Federal Hall in New York City; after taking the oath of office, the new

6    president kissed the Bible, and the crowd thunderously voiced its approval joined in its

7    celebration by the exultant peals of the city's church bells; and

8    WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the state of Louisiana should join other states

9    in commemorating the 225th anniversary of George Washington's first inauguration to honor

10    the life and achievements of this extraordinary American; and

11    WHEREAS, in honoring the leadership and service of George Washington,

12    Louisiana can inspire future generations to contribute their own talents, energy, and

13    resources to the betterment of our state and nation.

14    THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

15    urge and request the citizens of Louisiana to commemorate April 30, 2014, as a day to

16    celebrate the 225th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as president of

17    the United States, and invites houses of worship to celebrate this anniversary by ringing bells

18    simultaneously, for two full minutes, or undertaking other appropriate activities at 12:00

19    noon on April 30, 2014, as a tribute to the first president of this nation.

20    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby expresses

21    its appreciation to the Louisiana Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America

22    for lending its leadership to a statewide commemoration of this historic milestone in our

23    nation's history.

24    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

25    Louisiana Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America.

DIGEST

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Recognizes April 30, 2014, as the 225th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington.