

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO AND SENATOR APPEL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the citizens of Louisiana to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as president of the United States.

WHEREAS, in the annals of every great nation, there are leaders whose legacy will endure through the ages, and George Washington was one such leader; and

WHEREAS, as president, George Washington led the nation through its first and perhaps most difficult years by remaining faithful to the principles upon which it was founded and, in so doing, he established the standard that every president since has hoped to emulate; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2014, the nation commemorates the 225th anniversary of his inauguration; and

WHEREAS, revered for his leadership during the Revolutionary War, Washington was elected to office by a unanimous electoral vote in 1788, and dutifully answered the call to serve his country as president, even though it required great personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, although Washington had served his country loyally for many years as a soldier and statesman and had looked forward to retirement at his beloved home at Mount Vernon, he nevertheless was also thoroughly aware of the young nation's vulnerability, and thus the man who had helped the United States to gain independence from Great Britain now agreed to help give it a firm footing; and

WHEREAS, George Washington neither sought nor desired political power, loved liberty and trusted the American people, and believed that the American people were not only entitled to a system of self-government but were also capable of keeping it; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1789, George Washington was inaugurated before a jubilant crowd at Federal Hall in New York City; after taking the oath of office, the new

president kissed the Bible, and the crowd thunderously voiced its approval joined in its celebration by the exultant peals of the city's church bells; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the state of Louisiana should join other states in commemorating the 225th anniversary of George Washington's first inauguration to honor the life and achievements of this extraordinary American; and

WHEREAS, in honoring the leadership and service of George Washington, Louisiana can inspire future generations to contribute their own talents, energy, and resources to the betterment of our state and nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the citizens of Louisiana to commemorate April 30, 2014, as a day to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as president of the United States, and invites houses of worship to celebrate this anniversary by ringing bells simultaneously, for two full minutes, or undertaking other appropriate activities at 12:00 noon on April 30, 2014, as a tribute to the first president of this nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby expresses its appreciation to the Louisiana Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America for lending its leadership to a statewide commemoration of this historic milestone in our nation's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE