

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY SENATOR CROWE AND REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the week of April 6 through 12, 2014, as "Junior Auxiliary Week" at the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell, Louisiana, is a chapter of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc., which is a national nonprofit organization that encourages member chapters to render charitable services which are beneficial to the general public, with particular emphasis on children, and to coordinate with other organizations performing similar services; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell, originally the Slidell Service League, was founded in 1965 by a group of fifteen women who were brought together by their desire to help the needy and underprivileged in a city that had doubled in population in the previous five years; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the Slidell Service League was incorporated into the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries and in 1999 became the "Junior Auxiliary of Slidell"; and

WHEREAS, through the last nearly forty years, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell has served their community through a variety of projects and in 2013, provided more than 1800 hours of volunteer service and spent more than \$25,000 to directly serve over eleven thousand residents of the Slidell area; and

WHEREAS, the projects of the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell include a new project of sponsoring the first annual 2014 "Mad Hatter 5K and Fun Run", aimed at both fundraising and encouraging healthy lifestyles; a pilot project for the 2013-14 school year of "Backpacks4Kids" which provides food for the weekend to a group of kindergarten students at one of Slidell's public schools; an annual "Tour of Homes" which provides funds for other projects; in cooperation with Slidell Memorial Hospital, the auxiliary is sponsoring "A Day for Girls' Health", an outreach to teenage girls in the Slidell area; and the ongoing project

of awarding the Pat Fritchie Memorial Scholarship to four qualified students from the Slidell area public high schools in the amount of one thousand dollars for each student, to defray the costs of education beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell also oversees the "Juniors in Service" program each year for students who are juniors in Slidell area high schools; and

WHEREAS, these high school students are given the opportunity to build both leadership skills and a commitment to community by completing a minimum of twelve hours of service within the Slidell community; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell has over the years sponsored "Christmas Under the Stars", "JA Water Day", "JA Women's Build" and "Literacy Liaison", all projects that provide hands-on service to citizens in the Slidell community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell, through their nearly forty years of community service which has touched the lives of thousands of people in the Slidell community, are committed to being active and constructive participants in the public life of their city and its residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the week of April 6 through 12, 2014, as "Junior Auxiliary Week" at the Louisiana Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES