

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 211

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates the gardens in front of the state capitol as the "Memorial Garden"

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate the gardens located in front of the state capitol as the "Memorial Garden" for
3 the ceremony hosted by the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter One, to honor
4 the many Louisianans who have died in the service of their country.

5 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter One, was chartered in
6 March of 2005, and the organization has grown from fifteen original members to over one
7 hundred active members, and Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter One, has helped to
8 start several other chapters throughout the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana is a service and support organization
10 whose mission is to answer the call of military families in need and bring to the forefront the
11 sacrifices of military personnel and their families, and the group hosts events that promote
12 patriotism and honor our military and veterans; and

13 WHEREAS, one of the newest activities instituted by the Blue Star Mothers of
14 Louisiana, Chapter One, is a Memorial Day tribute to the many Louisianans who have paid
15 the ultimate sacrifice in their service to the United States and to the state of Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, Memorial Day 2014, was the inauguration of that Memorial Day tribute
17 which consisted of placing nearly ten thousand American flags in the gardens in the front
18 of the Louisiana State Capitol to commemorate the lives of those valiant and selfless men
19 and women who gave their lives so that we could live in freedom and peace; and

1 WHEREAS, these intrepid men and women who died for our freedoms deserve
2 respect and admiration for performing feats of great courage with incredible resolve and
3 immeasurable bravery and for marching gallantly under the banner of freedom; and

4 WHEREAS, the valiant actions of this nation's troops uphold the highest traditions
5 of the United States Armed Forces, and they bring tremendous honor and pride to their
6 families, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America; and

7 WHEREAS, the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today
8 are direct results of the blood shed and continued vigilance of the United States Armed
9 Forces over the history of this great nation; and

10 WHEREAS, the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of the family
11 members who support them have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation and
12 made it unique in the world community; and

13 WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana recognize that unselfishly protecting the
14 United States during times of war and peace through service in the nation's armed services
15 should be honored as the highest form of patriotism; and

16 WHEREAS, the memorial ceremony conducted by the Blue Star Mothers of
17 Louisiana, Chapter One, was held in the gardens in the front of the Louisiana State Capitol
18 and included not only the ten thousand American flags, but also a reading of the list of
19 names of those brave soldiers who have died to defend the country's freedom with a ship's
20 bell rung for each name, and the service concluded with a 21-gun salute; and

21 WHEREAS, because of the location of the memorial service and the intention of the
22 Blue Star Mother's, Chapter One, to hold a similar ceremony each Memorial Day weekend
23 in the future, it is only fitting and appropriate that the gardens in which the ceremony is held
24 be designated as the "Memorial Garden".

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the gardens located in front of the state
27 capitol as the "Memorial Garden" for the ceremony hosted by the Blue Star Mothers of
28 Louisiana, Chapter One, to honor of the many Louisianans who have died in the service of
29 their country.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter One.

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