

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Wednesday, May 4, 2016, as Elmer's Candy Day

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, May 4, 2016, as Elmer's Candy Day in the state of Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, Elmer Chocolate, located in Ponchatoula, is currently the second largest
4 heart box manufacturer in the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Elmer Chocolate produces Easter favorites such as Gold Brick,
6 Heavenly Hash, and Pecan Eggs, all of which outsell national leaders five to one along the
7 Gulf Coast; and

8 WHEREAS, the forerunner of Elmer Chocolate was the Miller Candy Corporation,
9 which was founded in New Orleans in 1855 by former pastry chef Christopher Henry Miller;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Miller Candy Corporation became the Elmer Candy Corporation
12 when Miller's son-in-law and business partner Augustus Elmer brought his sons into the
13 fold; and

14 WHEREAS, Elmer Candy subsequently increased its national presence by adding
15 several new factories and introducing a wide variety of confections and snacks, many of
16 which are still favorites today; and

17 WHEREAS, in the early 1960s, Roy Nelson became a partner in the enterprise, and
18 he purchased the entire company from the Elmer family and encouraged his son Allan to join
19 the endeavor; and

1 WHEREAS, the two men centralized operations by opening a manufacturing facility
2 in Ponchatoula and refocused the company's offerings by concentrating on seasonal
3 chocolates, rather than everyday candy and snacks; and

4 WHEREAS, today, Elmer Chocolate continues to create sweet memories for new
5 generations of candy lovers.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 designate Wednesday, May 4, 2016, as Elmer's Candy Day in the state of Louisiana to
8 commend the sweet contributions of Elmer Chocolate to the state.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 Nelson family of the Elmer's Candy Company.

DIGEST

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