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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council and its grassroots advocacy network, LaCAN, and designates Tuesday, April 5, 2016, as Disability Rights Day in Louisiana

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council and its grassroots advocacy
3	network, LaCAN, for their advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities
4	and to designate Tuesday, April 5, 2016, as Disability Rights Day in Louisiana.
5	WHEREAS, a disability is a natural part of life and does not diminish the right of
6	individuals with disabilities to exercise control over their lives and fully participate in their
7	communities; and
8	WHEREAS, children, regardless of the nature or severity of their disabilities, need
9	families and enduring relationships with adults in a nurturing home environment to develop
10	to their fullest potential; and
11	WHEREAS, adults with developmental disabilities should be afforded the
12	opportunity to make decisions for themselves and to live in typical homes and communities
13	where they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; and
14	WHEREAS, almost thirteen thousand eight hundred people are waiting for individual
15	and family support and services that will allow them to live independently in their own
16	homes or with their families rather than being segregated from their communities in
17	facilities; and
18	WHEREAS, the number of individuals with disabilities waiting for individual and
19	family support and services continues to increase annually; and

1 WHEREAS, many programs designed to assist individuals with disabilities are 2 threatened with funding cuts or elimination; and 3 WHEREAS, LaCAN is a statewide, grassroots network of individuals, families, and 4 other stakeholders advocating for individual and family support and services for Louisiana's 5 citizens who are developmentally disabled; and 6 WHEREAS, Disability Rights Day in Louisiana allows individuals with disabilities and families from across Louisiana to meet their legislators at the state capitol and educate 7 8 them on the issues impacting people with disabilities, as well as to rally in support of 9 individual and family support and services. 10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 11 commend the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council and its grassroots advocacy 12 network, LaCAN, for their advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities, and 13 does hereby designate Tuesday, April 5, 2016, as Disability Rights Day in Louisiana. 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 15 to the executive director of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.

DIGEST

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Commends the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council and its grassroots advocacy network, LaCAN, for their advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities and designates Tues., April 5, 2016, as Disability Rights Day in Louisiana.