

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERTHELOT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 1 through 7, 2016, as "Arson Awareness Week" in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 1 through 7, 2016, as "Arson Awareness Week" in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, the U.S. Fire Administration, along with several partner agencies, has
4 declared May 1 through 7, 2016, as National Arson Awareness Week and the theme for 2016
5 is "Prevent Wildfire Arson—Spread the Facts, Not the Fire"; and

6 WHEREAS, wildfire arson is the willful, malicious, intentional or reckless burning
7 of property that takes place on underdeveloped wildland or uncultivated land comprised of
8 forest, brush, or grassland; and

9 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Interior's Wildland Fire Management
10 Information System, during the five-year period from 2010 to 2014, twenty-three percent
11 of fires reported were a result of arson; and

12 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Forest Service, individual arson fires can cause
13 damages to resources and communities totaling more than one hundred million dollars; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association, from 2007 to
15 2011, twenty percent of reported brush, grass, or forest fires were intentionally set; and

16 WHEREAS, according to the National Association of State Foresters, more than
17 seventy-two thousand U.S. communities are now at risk from wildfires within the wildland
18 urban interface; and

19 WHEREAS, the week of May 1 through May 7, 2016, is designated Arson
20 Awareness Week both nationally and in the state of Louisiana to focus attention on the
21 prevention of wildfire arson, particularly in the wildland-urban interface.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 1 through 7, 2016, as Arson Awareness
3 Week in Louisiana and does hereby pay special tribute to all fire and law enforcement
4 investigative agencies for their dedicated and tireless service to the citizens of the state.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chief
6 H. "Butch" Browning and Deputy Chief Brant L. Thompson of the Louisiana office of the
7 state fire marshal.

DIGEST

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