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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as New Orleans Day at the Legislature of Louisiana, to commend the city of New Orleans, and to provide for a suitable observance of this special day.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is nationally and internationally recognized as perhaps the most unique state in the nation; with an amazing variety of natural and cultural attractions and significant historical sites, the city of New Orleans plays a vital role in the distinction that Louisiana enjoys; and

WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans was founded in 1718 by Jean Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville; it is called the Crescent City because of its location on a sharp bend, or crescent, on the Mississippi River; the original town was given a French name, Vieux Carré, which translates to French Quarter in English; and

WHEREAS, the Crescent City has morphed from humble beginnings as a transit and settlement hub into a unique multicultural basin shaped by two hundred ninety-nine years of rich history, and is worthy of recognition for serving as a gateway to one of America's most unusual states with a diverse cultural heritage and singular historical legacy; and

WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans ranks as a popular travel destination, drawing visitors from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the global prominence of the city of New Orleans as home to one of America's largest ports and most affordable airports; and

WHEREAS, the legislature celebrates Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, which has set records for passengers served and plays a key role in bolstering the city's economy; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans, while celebrating its extraordinary history, is also a dynamic and modern city and is home to diverse industries including tourism; aerospace; oil and gas; shipbuilding; manufacturing; telecommunications; film; music; visual, performing, and design arts; financial institutions; and facilities for scientific and medical research; and

WHEREAS, such diverse economic activity in the city has generated a substantial amount of revenue for the state treasury; and

WHEREAS, more than nine million people visit the city annually and contribute to its economic prosperity; New Orleans' famous restaurants, elegant hotels, fabulous retail shops, and a wealth of entertainment venues are patronized by eager visitors; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans' great festivals attract guests from around the world; the city averages almost one-half million people at Jazz Fest, more than one-half million at French Quarter Fest, and nearly one million during Mardi Gras; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans offers a bevy of cultural treasures, such as the National World War II Museum, the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Contemporary Arts Center, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, the Audubon Nature Institute, and world-renowned musicians and entertainers who call New Orleans home; and

WHEREAS, countless galleries in New Orleans display international and local art clustered in and around the French Quarter and the nearby Warehouse District, and a beautiful venue for the performing arts and Broadway musicals at the recently remodeled Saenger Theatre is among the city's offerings; and

WHEREAS, people of myriad and varied cultural backgrounds have contributed to the wonderful mixture of sights, sounds, smells, and tastes that make New Orleans an incredible and remarkable place for those who call it home and those who come calling.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as New Orleans Day at the Legislature; does hereby commend the city of New Orleans; and does hereby provide that this special day shall be observed with an appropriate recognition of the unique history and culture of the Crescent City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable John Bel Edwards, governor of the state of Louisiana, and the Honorable Mitchell J. Landrieu, mayor of the city of New Orleans.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE