

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 9, 2018, as Louisiana Drug and Specialty Court Day at the state capitol and commends the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court Office and the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Monday, April 9, 2018, as Louisiana Drug and Specialty Court Day at the state  
3 capitol and to commend the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug Court Office and the  
4 Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals for their services to the citizens  
5 of Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug Court Office, or SCDCO, has been  
7 administering drug courts in the state since 2001, courts which currently serve more than  
8 5,000 Louisiana citizens; and

9           WHEREAS, the SCDCO has expanded this year to encompass the administration of  
10   all specialty courts in the state, including reentry courts, behavioral courts, and veterans  
11   courts; and

12 WHEREAS, all of the specialty courts are designed to address the underlying clinical  
13 and social needs of individuals in the criminal justice system, and the courts meet such needs  
14 by overseeing treatment and imposing mandates that enable persons to receive assistance  
15 while avoiding incarceration; and

WHEREAS, speciality courts reduce recidivism provide cost-effective alternatives to incarceration and thus help to improve the lives of the participants, their families, and communities; and

1 WHEREAS, the SCDCO works in conjunction with the Louisiana Association of  
2 Drug Court Professionals, or LADCP, to provide educational seminars and training  
3 opportunities for more than five hundred specialty court professionals in the state; and

4 WHEREAS, the partnership between the LADCP and the SCDCO has made the  
5 state's speciality courts some of the best and most progressive courts in the country; and

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana specialty court judges serve on these courts in addition to  
7 their regular judicial duties, and serve without additional compensation, because they have  
8 a passion for helping people and for serving as a source of support and encouragement for  
9 individuals in need; and

10 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to commend the judges and staff of the LADCP,  
11 the SCDCO, and the state's specialty courts for their efforts and good works on behalf of the  
12 citizens of Louisiana.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
14 recognize Monday, April 9, 2018, as Louisiana Drug and Specialty Court Day at the state  
15 capitol and does hereby commend the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug Court Office and the  
16 Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals for their fine work in saving lives,  
17 reuniting families, and giving hope.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted  
19 to the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the president of the Louisiana  
20 Association of Drug Court Professionals.

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#### DIGEST

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