

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

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To commend first responders in Louisiana and to designate Tuesday, April 30, 2019, as First Responders Appreciation Day at the Louisiana state capitol.

WHEREAS, first responders generally include professional and volunteer fire fighters, police officers, emergency medical services personnel, and public health officials; and

WHEREAS, this core group is augmented by local and state emergency management workers, support agencies, community organizations, and volunteers who work to support the frontline responders and to respond to the needs of those in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, together they form a vital pillar of our communities and play a crucial role in saving lives and in ensuring public safety, especially in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, in performing their services, first responders are regularly called to work devotedly and selflessly for the benefit of others, regardless of the risks incurred to themselves; and

WHEREAS, many hours of education and training are required to develop the expertise necessary to respond at a moment's notice and to work on the frontlines of a multitude of emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, despite the best preparation, far too often, such emergency situations result in first responders making the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, whether assisting an individual in a particular emergency situation or a number of individuals suffering from the aftermath of a mass terrorist attack or other act of violence, it is the heroic work of first responders working together that helps to save lives and property; and

WHEREAS, first responders deserve recognition for their courageous work and for the personal risks they take on to protect our communities, and thus they should be honored for the contributions that they make to enhance our quality of life and overall sense of security.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend first responders for their service and contributions to the people of the great state of Louisiana and does hereby designate Tuesday, April 30, 2019, as First Responders Appreciation Day at the state capitol.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE