

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 287

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOSS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates June 24, 2019, as James "Jay" Dixon Day and commends his service to the state

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, June 24, 2019, as James "Jay" Dixon Day in Louisiana and to
3 commend him for his services to the state.

4 WHEREAS, James "Jay" Dixon has been the state public defender of Louisiana for
5 nearly six years; and

6 WHEREAS, prior to his current appointment, Mr. Dixon was the district defender
7 of Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes for more than two years; and

8 WHEREAS, as the district defender, Mr. Dixon occupied the office during a difficult
9 time characterized by lack of funding; due to budgetary shortfalls, the office of public
10 defender was compelled to refuse cases, and private members of the bar were appointed on
11 a pro bono basis to handle cases; and

12 WHEREAS, even under these difficult circumstances, because of Mr. Dixon's skilled
13 leadership, the public defender's office in Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes emerged as one
14 of the strongest public defender's offices in the state of Louisiana; and

15 WHEREAS, because of his success as a district defender, Mr. Dixon was the first
16 recipient of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Catherine D. Kimball Award for the
17 Advancement of the Administration of Justice; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon received the Gideon Award from the Louisiana Association
19 of Criminal Defense Lawyers and an award from the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon has accepted a job offer from the state of Massachusetts, and
21 he will leave his current position at the end of June; and

1 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the House of Representatives to honor
2 Mr. Dixon for his many services to the state of Louisiana.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, June 24, 2019, as James "Jay"
5 Dixon Day in the state; does hereby commend Mr. Dixon for his manifold contributions to
6 the juvenile justice system in Louisiana; and does sincerely wish him all the best in his
7 future endeavors.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
9 James Dixon.

DIGEST

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