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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR BARROW

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Recognizes and commemorates the 2020 Inaugural Unified Social Distance Juneteenth Caravan in honor of Ms. Sadie Roberts-Joseph.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To recognize and commemorate the 2020 Inaugural Unified Social Distance Juneteenth Caravan in honor of Ms. Sadie Roberts-Joseph. 3 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the 4 5 Emancipation Proclamation that ended slavery; however, two and one-half years later, there was little effect on southern states due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the 6 7 new executive order; and WHEREAS, it was on June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers led by Major General 8 9 Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended; and 10 WHEREAS, the celebration of June 19, 1865, was coined "Juneteenth" and grew 11 with more participation from descendants of slaves, and is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery; and 12 13 WHEREAS, today, Juneteenth celebrates African-American freedom while encouraging education, achievement, and respect for all cultures in our nation; and 14 WHEREAS, Sadie Roberts-Joseph, a native of Fort Adams, Mississippi, and a 15 resident of Baton Rouge, was a civil rights activist, community icon, and educator as well 16 as the founder/curator of Odell S. Williams Museum of African-American History and 17 establisher of Community Against Drugs and Violence (CADAV), Inc.; she was tragically 18

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killed on July 12, 2019.
 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
 recognize and commemorate the 2020 Inaugural Unified Social Distance Juneteenth Caravan
 in honor of Ms. Sadie Roberts-Joseph.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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