

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 2021 as Autism Acceptance Month in Louisiana

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate April 2021 as Autism Acceptance Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, in the United States, one in every fifty-four children is diagnosed with
4 autism spectrum disorder, totaling over five million young people and adults; and

5 WHEREAS, people diagnosed with autism are classmates, colleagues, friends, and
6 loved ones, and greatly contribute their strengths, talents, and abilities to the community
7 around them; and

8 WHEREAS, across the nation, people with autism are able to achieve independence
9 and live purposeful lives when afforded the support system and opportunities that they
10 deserve; and

11 WHEREAS, as many individuals and families living with autism know, acceptance
12 is often one of the biggest barriers to finding and developing a strong support system; and

13 WHEREAS, Louisiana understands that fostering acceptance is critical to improving
14 supports and to achieving equity in education, employment, housing, health care and
15 comprehensive long-term services; and

16 WHEREAS, April is Autism Acceptance Month, when the United States recognizes
17 all individuals with autism; and

18 WHEREAS, this month and every day, the people of the United States celebrate the
19 numerous ways autistic individuals enhance the quality of our communities and enrich our
20 world; and

1 WHEREAS, as the people of the United States recognize this important month, they
2 affirm that people with autism possess fundamental rights to participate fully in society, to
3 be treated with dignity and respect, and to fulfill their highest potential; and

4 WHEREAS, the great state of Louisiana believes that everyone should be treated
5 with dignity and have a fair shot at getting ahead; and

6 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor advocates, family members, caregivers,
7 professionals, and all those who work every day to create more opportunities for those with
8 autism; and

9 WHEREAS, by celebrating Autism Acceptance Month, the people of Louisiana can
10 help spread awareness, foster acceptance, and ignite change for autistic individuals to live
11 fully across all areas of life.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 proclaim April 2021 as Autism Acceptance Month in Louisiana and hereby encourages all
14 citizens of the great state of Louisiana to learn more about autism and what they can do to
15 support individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

DIGEST

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