

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG, AMEDEE, BOURRIAQUE, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, COX, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, FARNUM, GADBERRY, GOUDEAU, GREEN, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, HUVAL, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, LYONS, MACK, MARINO, MOORE, NEWELL, ORGERON, RISER, SCHEXNAYDER, STAGNI, THOMAS, VILLIO, WHEAT, AND ZERINGUE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 20, 2021, as Young Marines Day at the state capitol and commends the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Young Marines unit for their recognition as National Unit of the Year

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize April 20, 2021, as Young Marines Day at the state capitol and to commend the  
3 Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Young Marines unit on being recognized as  
4 National Unit of the Year.

5 WHEREAS, the Young Marines is a national youth organization whose mission is  
6 to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for  
7 boys and girls that nurture and develop responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy  
8 and drug-free lifestyle; and

9 WHEREAS, annually, the Young Marines National Headquarters recognizes  
10 outstanding units throughout the country and names a National Unit of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, the selection of a unit as a National Unit of the Year is an honor that  
12 recognizes that particular unit as an embodiment of all the best of the organization and as  
13 uniquely excellent in the areas of community service, anti-drug education, youth leadership  
14 development, and veterans appreciation; and

15 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, or JPSO, Young Marines program  
16 was established by the late Sheriff Harry Lee; thousands of youth have passed through its  
17 ranks since inception, and it continues to be a focal point of community relations under  
18 Sheriff Joe Lopinto; and

1 WHEREAS, the JPSO Young Marines unit accumulated more than 15,000  
2 community service hours and more than 2,000 hours of anti-drug education in one year,  
3 included twenty-four leadership school graduates, and participated in numerous veterans  
4 appreciation events; and

5 WHEREAS, the JPSO Young Marines unit was also the recipient of the 2020 Drug  
6 Enforcement Agency Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Award, which recognizes drug demand  
7 reduction efforts through community education and peer-to-peer role modeling; and

8 WHEREAS, the JPSO Young Marines unit was recognized on May 9, 2020, as the  
9 Young Marines National Unit of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, the JPSO Young Marines youth members and adult volunteers merit a  
11 special measure of commendation for the outstanding work that they do to serve their  
12 community, create responsible citizens, and promote a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 20, 2021, as Young Marines Day at  
15 the state capitol in gratitude for the work of Young Marines programs across the United  
16 States and the state of Louisiana in providing quality youth development opportunities and  
17 does hereby commend the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Young Marines unit upon the  
18 momentous event of its selection as the 2020 Young Marines National Unit of the Year.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
20 William P. Davis, chief executive officer of Young Marines, to Sheriff Joe Lopinto, and to  
21 Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Young Marines Unit Commander Tammy Williams.

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#### DIGEST

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