

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 26, 2022, as Survivors of Violence Lobby Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, April 26, 2022, as Survivors of Violence Lobby Day at the state  
3 capitol.

4 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, less than half of violent  
5 crimes are reported to law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, according to the latest data, Louisiana has the fifth highest crime rate,  
7 the highest homicide rate, and the highest incarceration rate in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, at the same time, the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Fund ranks  
9 among the lowest in the nation when measured in terms of the number of dollars spent to  
10 support survivors per reported crime; and

11 WHEREAS, similarly, for crime survivors applying for direct financial assistance  
12 from the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Fund, Louisiana's aggregate expense cap is  
13 the lowest in the country; and

14 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Survivors for Reform, or LSR, is a coalition of survivors,  
15 victims' loved ones, and organizations that seek to create change in the criminal legal  
16 system; and

17 WHEREAS, the LSR is comprised of people with a variety of identities and  
18 backgrounds who are united by the conviction that any approach to reform needs to include  
19 the voices of crime survivors and others directly impacted by the current system; and

20 WHEREAS, since 2018, LSR has been organizing and pursuing systematic change  
21 through policy, education, and the cultivation of community; and

1 WHEREAS, National Crime Victims Rights Week will be commemorated April 24-  
2 30, 2022, and the 2022 theme is rights, access, equity, for all victims; and

3 WHEREAS, during that week, on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, the second annual  
4 Survivors of Violence Lobby Day will be commemorated as well; and

5 WHEREAS, on this day, survivors of crime and victims' loved ones from across the  
6 state of Louisiana will make their voices heard during the legislative session; and

7 WHEREAS, the Survivors of Violence Lobby Day is a day for survivors to build  
8 fellowship with one another and to raise awareness among lawmakers; and

9 WHEREAS, the following organizations will participate in the activities and  
10 festivities that mark this momentous day: LSR, Crime Survivors NOLA, Sexual Trauma  
11 Awareness and Response (STAR), Silence is Violence, Crime Survivors for Safety and  
12 Justice, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Louisiana Foundation  
13 Against Sexual Assault, the Voice of the Experienced, the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison  
14 Reform Coalition, and the Promise of Justice Initiative; and

15 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Legislature of Louisiana to recognize  
16 Survivors of Violence Lobby Day.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 26, 2022, as Survivors of  
19 Violence Lobby Day at the state capitol.

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DIGEST

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