

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 192

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 26, 2022, as Achoo the Bee Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the book entitled "*I just want to be ME" says Achoo the Bee* was written and published by Deana Meaux Murray, a resident of Zachary; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murray was born on July 3, 1967, in Abbeville, and graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in Public Relations from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murray has been a sales and marketing professional for Harland Check Printers, now Harland Clarke, and Cox Media, and has also worked as an account executive for Bizzuka, Inc., a website design firm; for the past ten years, Ms. Murray has been employed as a marketing specialist with S&B Engineers and Constructors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murray is married to John Murray and is the mother of three adult children, Ryan, Cory, and Julia; and

WHEREAS, when her children were young, Ms. Murray loved telling them make-believe stories that emphasized the importance of overcoming obstacles and maintaining one's unique individuality, and she eventually formed a plan to turn these stories into a children's book; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Ms. Murray began to outline a rhyming book that addressed challenges that children between the ages of two and six face as they enter into social interactions at school, playgroups, and social media; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Ms. Murray self-published her first book entitled "*I just want to be ME" says Achoo the Bee*; and

WHEREAS, all in all, the book tells the story of a honeybee, Achoo, that doesn't quite fit in with the other bees living in the hive, but Achoo becomes the hero when she turns

the things that make her different into a superpower and thereby saves the hive from destruction; and

WHEREAS, within three months of publication, over four hundred copies of Ms. Murray's book have been sold, thus demonstrating that both children and parents alike can identify with the inspirational message of the book; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murray hopes every child sees Achoo in themselves and that such children realize that they do not have to look like everyone else or be perfect at everything that they attempt to accomplish in order to be loved and acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, Ms. Murray hopes her book encourages each child to embrace what makes them unique.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 26, 2022, as Achoo the Bee Day at the state capitol, and hereby commends Deana Meaux Murray upon the writing and publication of her book entitled "*I just want to be ME" says Achoo the Bee*, which teaches children valuable lessons of perseverance and the embrace of individuality.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES