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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 2, 2023, as Main Street Day at the state capitol

A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, May 2, 2023, as Main Street Day at the state capitol. 3 WHEREAS, since 1984, Louisiana Main Street has helped communities revitalize 4 their historic downtowns, celebrating community character and generating impressive 5 economic returns; and 6 WHEREAS, Louisiana's thirty-six designated Main Street communities are coming 7 back strong from the pandemic, logging 547 new jobs, 133 new businesses, 47,158 volunteer 8 hours, and \$25,925,190 in public/private investment in Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and 9 WHEREAS, every dollar invested in the state program returns \$2.90-\$7.40 in state 10 sales tax annually, and \$190,000 per year of state income tax is generated from jobs created 11 by Main Street employers; and 12 WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street leads a statewide network of designated 13 communities: Abbeville, Bastrop, Columbia, Crowley, Denham Springs, DeRidder, 14 Donaldsonville, Eunice, Franklin, Hammond, Homer, Houma, Kenner, Leesville, Minden, 15 Monroe, Morgan City, Natchitoches, New Iberia, New Roads, Opelousas, Plaquemine, 16 Ponchatoula, Ruston, Slidell, Springhill, St. Francisville, St. Martinville, Thibodaux, West 17 Monroe, and Winnsboro, and the following districts in New Orleans: Broad Street, Lower 18 Ninth Ward, North Rampart Street, OC Haley Boulevard, and Old Algiers; and 19 WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street also works with communities that are on a path to potential designation, and currently Winnfield is a "Lagniappe" community working 20 21 toward a Main Street designation; and

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1 WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street communities are also part of a national network 2 of more than twelve hundred communities, led by Main Street America; and 3 WHEREAS, the Main Street program is a proven model for economic development; 4 when downtown grows, the whole community grows. 5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 2, 2023, as Main Street Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend Louisiana Main Street and its thirty-six 7 8 designated communities for their outstanding downtown revitalization efforts throughout the 9

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