

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate 2024 as the Year of the Bible.

WHEREAS, the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people; and

WHEREAS, deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, among many of our great national leaders, presidents of both democratic and republican parties, Washington, Lincoln, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Reagan, paid tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's development; just as in the words of President Jackson, that the Bible is "the rock on which our Republic rests"; and

WHEREAS, the history of our nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies; and

WHEREAS, this nation now faces great challenges that will test it as it has never been tested before; and

WHEREAS, renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through Holy Scripture can strengthen us as a nation and a people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate 2024 as the Year of the Bible in recognition of the formative influence the Bible has been for our state and the nation and of the collective need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE