

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

STATE SYMBOL: Requests the citizens of Louisiana to practice proper state flag etiquette

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the citizens of Louisiana to practice proper Louisiana state flag etiquette
3 and to fold the Louisiana state flag with reverence and respect.

4 WHEREAS, the American flag represents our nation and state flags serve as symbols
5 of each state; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana state flag symbolizes truth and sacrifice for the citizens
7 of Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, the Louisiana state flag is a source of pride and reverence for citizens
9 of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana state flag is a treasured representation of the tradition of
11 Louisiana, and like the American flag it should be treated with the utmost regard; and

12 WHEREAS, since the Louisiana state flag commemorates Louisiana's journey and
13 is a unique symbol of its history, proper steps are to be followed when folding the flag, and
14 such steps shall be recognized as the official procedures for folding of the Louisiana state
15 flag.

16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following steps shall be taken in order for
17 a properly folded flag to display the eye and face of the pelican on the front and the three
18 drops of blood and the beaks of the young pelicans on the back:

19 (1) Lay the flag on a clean flat surface and pick up the lower edge of the flag and
20 bring it over the top edge of the flag to turn it over.

1 (2) With the flag face down with the nest at the top, one shall fold the flag from the
2 left and from the right resulting in the flag being one-third its original size.

3 (3) With the flag folded at one-third its original size, turn it over resulting in the
4 pelican being right side up with the blue field in the back.

5 (4) Repeat the previous steps with the result of the flag being one-sixth its original
6 size with the center section visible only.

7 (5) Turn the flag over from the left side, and starting from the bottom, fold the flag
8 in triangles as done with the American flag.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tripartite fold of the
10 Louisiana state flag shall be in recognition of our state's French heritage as the first fold
11 represents the three colors of the French flag; the second fold represents the legislative,
12 executive, and judicial branches of government; and the third fold represents Louisiana's ties
13 to the United States.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of
15 the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the citizens of Louisiana to
16 practice proper Louisiana state flag etiquette and fold the Louisiana state flag with reverence
17 and respect.

DIGEST

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