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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 144

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

A RESOLUTION

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.

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1 (2) With the flag face up fold the flag from the left and from the right resulting in 2 the flag being one-third its original size.

- (3) With the flag folded at one-third its original size, repeat the previous steps with the result of the flag being one-sixth its original size with the center section visible only.
- 5 (4) With the flag folded at one-sixth its original size, fold the flag in triangles from 6 the bottom, to the right, then up, and to the left.
 - (5) Fold the flag in triangles from the top, to the right, then down, and to the left.
 - (6) Tuck the bottom triangle into the top triangle as done with the American flag.

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

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

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Judiciary</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Change the steps for folding of the flag.