

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates June 1, 2023, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Thursday, June 1, 2023, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the state
3 capitol.

4 WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum, a non-profit educational and cultural
5 organization, opened its doors in August 2017 in the Recreation and Park Commission for
6 the Parish of East Baton Rouge's City-Brooks Park; and

7 WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum is built on a foundation of
8 evidence-based research regarding the critical importance of play and its impact on early
9 brain development and learning; and

10 WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum set forth to fulfill its mission to be
11 a community spark for engaging, playful learning experiences that inspire and support
12 lifelong learning, serving more than 600,000 children, birth through age eight, and their
13 families, including visitors from all sixty-four Louisiana parishes but also thousands of
14 visitors from other states and countries; and

15 WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum survived the COVID-19 pandemic
16 despite being shut down for four hundred and forty-seven days; during the height of the
17 pandemic, the museum continued to provide high-quality early learning experiences,
18 bringing the Knock Knock at Your Door initiative out into the community through learning
19 kits, virtual online livestream activities for children, and virtual professional development
20 for educators; and

1 WHEREAS Knock Knock Children's Museum, a contributor to the local economy,
2 helps close both the knowledge and opportunity gap in the greater capital region by knocking
3 down barriers for families through its Access for All programs for children with disabilities
4 or special needs and an expanding population of children living in under-resourced
5 environments and poverty; and

6 WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum provides a safe and inclusive space
7 where families can connect in meaningful ways and is a place where parents and caregivers
8 can spend quality time with children, learn something new themselves, and experience the
9 joy of becoming immersed in purposeful, meaningful play in the museum's eighteen
10 Learning Zones; and

11 WHEREAS Knock Knock Children's Museum remains focused on all areas of
12 development and learning, with a special emphasis on increasing early literacy skills
13 (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) while expanding knowledge and raising interest
14 in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) subjects, careers, and future
15 career pathways; and

16 WHEREAS Knock Knock Children's Museum recognizes the gap in professional
17 learning opportunities for early STEM education and continues to provide professional
18 development to hundreds of elementary and early childhood educators through "making and
19 tinkering" workshops, emphasizing creative thinking and problem-solving, innovation, and
20 workforce development skills.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
22 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, June 1, 2023, as Knock Knock
23 Children's Museum Day at the state capitol; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
25 of Louisiana does hereby commend the Knock Knock Children's Museum; does hereby
26 recognize the Knock Knock Children's Museum's pivotal role in advancing Louisiana's early
27 childhood educational, cultural, and economic development by providing opportunities to
28 learn, explore, and discover in its award-winning 26,000 square-foot facility.

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