

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 255

BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER AND FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, June 6, 2023, as Habitat for Humanity Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity's mission is to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope, and its vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity's core principles are to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, focus on shelter, advocate for affordable housing, promote dignity and hope, and support sustainable and transformative development; furthermore, the organization and its affiliates do not proselytize the individuals they assist; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity partners with people in the community and across the world to help build or improve homes; the homeowners work alongside volunteers throughout the construction period and pay affordable mortgages, and the support of the community empowers these individuals to achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity (NOAHH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was incorporated in 1983 as an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International; since its inception, NOAHH has built over seven hundred fifty homes and repaired over three hundred more in the New Orleans area; between 2006 and 2012, the organization had a \$307 million impact on the New Orleans economy; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Habitat's Musicians' Village is one of the most significant achievements of NOAHH; the village consists of seventy-two single-family homes, five elder friendly duplexes, a toddler-friendly pocket park, and the Ellis Marsalis Community Centers, and 80% of the homes in the Musicians' Village core site house musicians; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge is a nonprofit, ecumenical housing ministry that works in partnership with qualified, low-income families and the community to eliminate poverty housing through building simple, decent homes; throughout its thirty-three-year history, the group has renovated or built over four hundred homes in the Baton Rouge area; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity is a truly astounding organization with an inspiring and effective approach to eliminating poverty housing in Louisiana and across the world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, June 6, 2023, as Habitat for Humanity Day in Louisiana and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that Habitat for Humanity and its affiliates in Louisiana and abroad continue to prosper in their endeavors to uplift the community and eliminate poverty housing.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES