

1 revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the best-selling pamphlet "Common
2 Sense," published by Thomas Paine in early 1776; and

3 WHEREAS, the Continental Congress met in Pennsylvania in June of 1776, a motion
4 was introduced calling for the colonies' independence; and

5 WHEREAS, after heated debate, a vote on the resolution was postponed, but a
6 committee was appointed to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, on July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of the
9 resolution for independence followed by the formal adoption of the Declaration of
10 Independence on July 4, 1776; and

11 WHEREAS, July 4th became the date of the official celebration of American
12 independence; and

13 WHEREAS, the Fourth of July is celebrated annually as "Independence Day", a
14 beloved national holiday with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to
15 family gatherings and barbecues; and

16 WHEREAS, Louisiana proudly celebrates the birth of our nation on the Fourth of
17 July; and

18 WHEREAS, residents of Louisiana would like to be able to show their patriotic pride
19 for the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United
20 States of America with a commemorative specialty license plate.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint Louisiana license plates
23 for private passenger motor vehicles with a design proposed by the America 250 Louisiana
24 State Commission that includes "America 250" on the bottom of the plate, thereby replacing
25 the words "Sportsman's Paradise" and which retains Louisiana in red on the top of the plate,
26 and on which shall be provided space for the yearly validation sticker in the bottom
27 right-hand corner.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the license plate described in this Resolution,
29 which shall require no additional state funding, shall be an official license plate.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
2 shall begin imprinting the plates at such time and on such a schedule as necessary to allow
3 for issuance of the "America 250" license plate for private passenger motor vehicles
4 beginning not later than January 2, 2025, and shall continue issuing such plates through
5 December 31, 2026, or until the Department of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its
6 inventory of such plates, whichever is later.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on December 31, 2026, or after the Department
8 of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of such plates, whichever is later, the
9 department shall cease issuing the "America 250" license plate and the design of the standard
10 Louisiana license plate shall revert to the design which received legislative approval as
11 required in R.S. 47:463(A)(3) through passage of House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 of
12 the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be transmitted to the
14 secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the deputy secretary of the
15 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 America 250 Louisiana State Commission.

DIGEST

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Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "America 250" on official license plates for private passenger motor vehicles in accordance with a design developed by the America 250 Louisiana State Commission. Provides that the department shall begin issuing plates not later than Jan. 2, 2025, and continue to issue the plates through Dec. 31, 2026, or until the inventory of such plates shall be depleted, whichever is later. Provides that after Dec. 31, 2026, the license plate design shall revert to the design which received legislative approval as required in R.S. 47:463(A)(3) through passage of House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature.