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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY AND ROMERO

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 30, 2024, as Parks and Recreation Day at the state capitol

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2	To designate Tuesday, April 30, 2024, as Parks and Recreation Day at the state capitol and
3	to designate the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in Louisiana; and
4	WHEREAS, "Where Community Grows" is the theme given to Parks and Recreation
5	Month in Louisiana by the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association; and
6	WHEREAS, parks and recreation are essential to local communities for health and
7	wellness, childhood development, driving economic opportunities, providing space for
8	people to connect and socialize, providing adaptable infrastructure for resiliency in the face
9	of natural disasters and climate change; and
10	WHEREAS, local parks departments across the state provide families with space to
11	gather and make memories, introduce children to different sports and to nature, and create
12	other wholesome recreational activities outside of school hours; and
13	WHEREAS, parks and recreation increase a community's economic prosperity
14	through improving property values, expanding local tax bases, increasing tourism, attracting
15	and retaining businesses, and reducing crime; and
16	WHEREAS, local parks are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our
17	communities through conservation of wildlife habitats and nature and can provide green
18	infrastructure to mitigate the effects of localized flooding in communities; and
19	WHEREAS, parks across the state provide Louisiana residents with a place to enjoy
20	the outdoors, exercise, and get fresh air; and

1 WHEREAS, local parks and recreation departments from all across Louisiana along 2 with the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association will gather at the state capitol on 3 April 30, 2024, to promote the vital assets they offer to their communities; and 4 WHEREAS, two park systems in Louisiana are part of the less than two percent of 5 park systems across the country that are accredited through the National Recreation and Park 6 Association (NRPA): the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission, and the 7 capitol region's very own BREC, which won the 2022 NRPA National Gold Medal Award. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 recognize the great societal value of local parks and recreation facilities and programs and 10 their importance in communities across the United States; does hereby recognize and honor 11 the vital contributions of employees and volunteers in parks and recreation facilities and 12 programs; and does hereby designate Tuesday, April 30, 2024, as Parks and Recreation Day 13 at the state capitol, and the month of July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month in Louisiana.

## **DIGEST**

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