

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 236

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, June 5, 2024, as Ascension Credit Union Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Ascension School Employees Credit Union was formed on June 3, 1974, to support school employees, and it is structured as a financial cooperative that is owned and operated entirely by its membership; and

WHEREAS, the first board of directors of the Ascension School Employees Credit Union was duly elected to oversee the organization, and the board's charter members included Joseph Speligene, LeRoy Bourque, Peggy Aime, John Oubre, and Joel Meredith; and

WHEREAS, the first branch of the Ascension School Employees Credit Union was constructed in 1992 in Gonzales, Louisiana; in 2004, the credit union was redesigned as a community charter field of membership and grew to include all of Ascension Parish; today, the credit union has more than ten thousand members; and

WHEREAS, the Ascension Credit Union has achieved numerous milestones over the past ten years including the grand openings of the Donaldsonville branch, Prairieville branch, and Ascension Small Business Center, obtaining a Community Development Financial Institution certification, surpassing \$100 million dollars in total assets, extending fourteen thousand loans totaling more than \$224 million, and completing the launch of a mortgage and business department; and

WHEREAS, the Ascension Credit Union has been recognized on numerous occasions and won several awards including the "Best of Ascension" People's Choice Awards for "Best Credit Union" and "Best Mortgage Lender"; and

WHEREAS, the Ascension Credit Union continues to serve as the only locally owned and invested financial institution in Ascension Parish by offering essential banking services and actively contributing to the social and economic well-being of the area; the

organization prides itself on building valuable relationships, and it achieves this goal by exceeding its members' expectations with unparalleled member service and a sincere commitment to their financial futures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, June 5, 2024, as Ascension Credit Union Day in Louisiana and does hereby recognize its mission to support the local community through financial education and effective financial decision making.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES