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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 209

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

A RESOLUTION

To designate April as Deaf History Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Deaf History Month is celebrated annually in April to commemorate key milestones in Deaf history, including the founding of the first permanent school for the Deaf in the United States and the recognition of Deaf culture and language; and

WHEREAS, Deaf individuals have made significant contributions to the cultural, educational, economic, and civic life of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, American Sign Language is a fully developed and linguistically rich language that serves as a primary means of communication for many Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals; and

WHEREAS, access to language, education, and communication is essential for the full inclusion and success of Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals; and

WHEREAS, schools, organizations, and communities across the state work to ensure that Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals have equitable opportunities to thrive academically, socially, and professionally; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and celebrate Deaf culture, promote awareness of the experiences of Deaf individuals, and continue efforts to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate April as Deaf History Month in Louisiana and does hereby encourage all citizens to recognize the achievements of the Deaf community and to support efforts that promote accessibility, inclusion, and equal opportunity for all.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES