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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates May 5th through 11th, 2013, as National Arson Awareness Week in Louisiana.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize May 5th through 11th, 2013, as National Arson Awareness Week in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, the United States Fire Administration (USFA) has announced that the
4	Arson Awareness Week (AAW) 2013 theme is "Reducing Residential Arson"; and
5	WHEREAS, USFA and partners around the nation will use this week in May to focus
6	public attention on residential arson and provide communities with tools to reduce the
7	incidence of this crime; and
8	WHEREAS, this year's goal of AAW is to provide all residents with strategies to
9	combat arson in their neighborhoods; and
10	WHEREAS, two new tropical fire reports focus on the characteristics of civilian
11	fatalities and injuries from residential building fires for the period of 2009-2011, with
12	bedrooms as the leading location where both civilian fire fatalities and injuries occurred; and
13	WHEREAS, between 2008-2010, statistics show that annually in the United States,
14	an estimated sixteen thousand eight hundred intentionally set fires in residential buildings
15	resulted in an estimated two hundred eighty deaths, seven hundred seventy-five injuries, and
16	five hundred ninety-three million dollars in annual property loss; and
17	WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has documented fourteen thousand
18	seven hundred seventeen different law enforcement agencies reporting forty-three thousand

1	four hundred twelve arsons in 2011; and
2	WHEREAS, arsons involving single occupancy and other residential structures
3	accounted for more than twenty-nine percent of the total number of arson offenses; and
4	WHEREAS, the public is being encouraged, during Arson Awareness Week, by
5	implementing neighborhood cleanups, along with improving internal and external security
6	for their homes and abandoned properties.
7	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8	give the highest tribute to all fire and law enforcement investigative agencies for their
9	dedicated and tireless service, especially during National Arson Awareness Week.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

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DIGEST

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