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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

CHILDREN: Recognizes the month of May as Foster Care Awareness Month in Louisiana

A RESOLUTION

2	To recognize the month of May as Foster Care Awareness Month in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, the safety of children is paramount to the citizens of Louisiana; and
4	WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem,
5	and support, is the very foundation of our communities; and
6	WHEREAS, in Louisiana, there are more than seven thousand three hundred children
7	and youth served annually in foster care, who are being provided with a safe, secure, and
8	stable temporary home or care setting; and
9	WHEREAS, all young people in foster care deserve a meaningful, permanent
10	connection to a caring adult who is a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and
11	WHEREAS, foster, kinship, and adoptive families play a vital role in helping
12	children and families heal and reconnect, thereby launching young people into successful
13	school, work lives, and family; and
14	WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Family Services recognizes the support,
15	generosity, and love provided by our two thousand foster families to abused and neglected
16	children in Louisiana's foster care program; and
17	WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in
18	a need for more foster families; and
19	WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals and organizations, including law
20	enforcement, court systems, CASA, and foster families who advocate regarding the needs
21	of children in foster care; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Family Services is working, through
- 2 the "Faith in Families" program to reduce the amount of time children spend in foster care
- 3 and improve outcomes for foster children.
- 4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
- 5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the month of May as Foster Care Awareness
- 6 Month in the state of Louisiana.
- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
- 8 of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend the efforts of the many individuals and
- 9 organizations who dedicate their time, love, and care to individuals in foster care.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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