

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

A RESOLUTION

To proclaim May, 2015, as foster care month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of children is a paramount concern of this state; and

WHEREAS, the family, which serves as a child's primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our state's communities; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, more than eight thousand children and youth are served annually in foster care, and are provided with safe, secure, and stable homes along with the compassion and love of foster families; and

WHEREAS, each young person in foster care needs a meaningful connection to a caring adult who is a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship, and adoptive families play a vital role in helping children and families to heal and reconnect, thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, working in both volunteer and professional capacities, and a wide array of community- and faith-based organizations strive every day to increase public awareness of the needs of children in foster care, including the special needs of those leaving foster care, and to make the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents known to the people of this state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby proclaim May, 2015, as foster care month in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiana Foster and Adoptive Parent Association and the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES