

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A RESOLUTION

To commemorate the fiftieth Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.

WHEREAS, April marks the fiftieth anniversary of the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act and has been declared National Fair Housing Month by proclamation of the President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status when they are renting, buying, or securing financing; and

WHEREAS, congress passed the Fair Housing Act in April 1968 and it was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on April 11, 1968; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act was signed into law at an important cultural turning point in America after decades of civil unrest, racial zoning, and court sanctioned deed discrimination; the legislation states, "It is the policy of the United States to provide, within constitutional limitations, for fair housing through the United States", and it was an important step in prohibiting discrimination in housing practices; and

WHEREAS, the health, education, and economic opportunities of Louisiana families are directly impacted by where they live; discriminatory housing practices create racial, social, and economic divides in our communities that inhibit the growth of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the denial of equal housing opportunities is one of the most serious challenges a community or a state can face, a challenge that must be met and surmounted so as not to erode the vital social structure that holds a community together and gives it shape and dimension; and

WHEREAS, diversity creates stronger communities and provides Louisiana citizens the best opportunity to achieve the American dream, and fair housing plays an integral role in fostering such communities; and

WHEREAS, fair and affordable housing is vital to the success of our growing state, and it is the responsibility of government agencies, the legislature, and industry leaders to promote, educate, and participate in fair housing practices.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and does hereby encourage all departments, agencies, offices, and institutions, public and private, in Louisiana to continue to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Act.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES