

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY REPRESENTATIVES GAINES, BAGNERIS, BOUIE, BRASS, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, COX, DUPLESSIS, FRANKLIN, GLOVER, JIMMY HARRIS, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JORDAN, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, MOORE, NORTON, PIERRE, AND SMITH AND SENATORS BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, COLOMB, MORRELL, PETERSON, PRICE, AND TARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 15, 2019, as Diversity in Energy Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Louisiana residents depend on the oil, natural gas, and petrochemical industries for their livelihood; and

WHEREAS, the oil, natural gas, and petrochemical industries continue to be the foundation of the state's economy, collectively exerting a more than \$70 billion impact on the economy and generating billions of dollars of household earnings for Louisianians and thousands of jobs throughout every region of the state; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's energy industry is an inclusive one that provides a wide range of opportunities to a diverse pool of people throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, for the oil, natural gas, and petrochemical industries, minority groups represent vital pools of talent that can help the industries meet their future workforce demands; and

WHEREAS, African American and Hispanic workers are projected to fill thirty-eight percent of the projected 1.9 million job opportunities through 2035 in the oil, natural gas, and petrochemical industries, and women are projected to fill more than sixteen percent of such jobs; and

WHEREAS, Diversity in Energy Day seeks to provide Louisiana students with the opportunity to engage with energy and petrochemical company representatives to learn about

employment opportunities and to meet with representatives from local colleges and universities to learn about education opportunities and training programs; and

WHEREAS, Diversity in Energy Day represents a collaboration of the Legislative Black Caucus, the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and the Louisiana Chemical Association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, April 15, 2019, as Diversity in Energy Day at the state capitol, and does hereby commend the energy industry for more than a century of partnership with the great state of Louisiana, a partnership that provides jobs and economic benefits to a broad and diverse workforce and that prepares a diverse workforce for the future.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE