

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Louisiana Counseling Association and designates May 9, 2019, as Louisiana Counseling Association Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Counseling Association and to recognize Thursday, May 9,  
3 2019, as Louisiana Counseling Association Day at the state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, approximately one in five adults in the United States experiences a  
5 diagnosable mental disorder in a given year, and for almost ten million people, the condition  
6 is serious enough to affect their ability to function on a daily basis; and

7 WHEREAS, significant percentages of America's homeless population, prisoners,  
8 and youth in juvenile justice systems live with a serious mental illness; and

9 WHEREAS, despite the growing number of people with mental health challenges,  
10 only forty-four percent of adults and less than twenty percent of children and adolescents  
11 with diagnosable mental health problems receive the necessary treatment; and

12 WHEREAS, in order to help meet the need for more and better mental health  
13 services, the Louisiana Counseling Association, or LCA, was chartered in 1968 as a state  
14 branch of the American Counseling Association; and

15 WHEREAS, the LCA encompasses a broad spectrum of groups in the field of  
16 professional counseling, and, for its members, the association provides an opportunity to  
17 share information and grow professionally; and

18 WHEREAS, the LCA is a professional association that represents the many  
19 professional counselors in various work settings, including licensed professional counselors  
20 (LPCs), licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFTs), school counselors, college

1 counselors, college educators, substance abuse counselors, career counselors, multicultural  
2 counselors, and religious counselors; and

3 WHEREAS, the mission of the LCA is to enrich lives and to advance the counseling  
4 profession; and

5 WHEREAS, the purposes of the LCA include to organize, administer, and manage  
6 the structure of the organization so that it can more effectively fulfill its mission; to promote  
7 personal and professional development within the counseling profession; to promote  
8 professionalism within the counseling profession; to support public policy and legislation  
9 which enhances the counseling profession; and to promote the creation of knowledge and  
10 the dissemination of research within the counseling profession; and

11 WHEREAS, the LCA is composed of thirteen divisions and one organizational  
12 affiliate, and includes the Louisiana Association for Counselor Education and Supervision  
13 (LACES), Louisiana Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (LAMCD),  
14 Louisiana Association of Marriage and Family Counselors (LAMFC), Louisiana Association  
15 for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (LASERVIC), Louisiana College  
16 Counseling Association (LCCA), Louisiana Career Development Association (LCDA),  
17 Louisiana Mental Health Counselors Association (LMHCA), Louisiana School Counselors  
18 Association (LSCA), Louisiana Association of Addiction and Offender Counselors  
19 (LAAOC), Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues of Louisiana  
20 (ALGBTIC), Louisiana Counselors for Social Justice (LCSJ), Louisiana Association of  
21 Counseling Graduate Students (LACGS), and the Provisional Licensed Counselor  
22 Association of Louisiana (PLCA); and

23 WHEREAS, the LCA promotes the mental health profession in the state of Louisiana  
24 and provides a number of services to its members; and

25 WHEREAS, the LCA represents two thousand two hundred thirteen counselors  
26 across the state of Louisiana; and

27 WHEREAS, because the men and women of the LCA have made a significant and  
28 positive influence in communities throughout the state, the members of the association merit  
29 a special measure of commendation.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members of the Louisiana Counseling  
3   Association for their unwavering commitment to excellence in serving the citizens of  
4   Louisiana and does hereby designate Thursday, May 9, 2019, as Louisiana Counseling  
5   Association Day at the state capitol.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
7   president of the Louisiana Counseling Association.

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DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Commends the members of the La. Counseling Assoc. and designates May 9, 2019, as La. Counseling Assoc. Day at the state capitol.