2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONDS AND HOFFMANN AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 9, 2019, as Bowties for Babies Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, there are more than thirty pregnancy centers across the state, yet twenty-five women a day choose to abort their pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, since studies show that 95% of women who enter a pregnancy center choose life, the key to combating abortion is connecting these women to existing pregnancy centers; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Right to Life Advertise for Life Project aims to reach women and connect them to pregnancy centers where they can find the support and help they need; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Louisiana Right to Life Advertise for Life Project is to reach women in crisis pregnancies through online advertising that can connect them with one of the state's pregnancy resource centers; and

WHEREAS, it has been confirmed that eight babies have been saved by the Advertise for Life Project since October; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 9, 2019, the seventh annual Bowties for Babies: A Southern Style Soiree Benefitting Life will be held at the Capitol Park Museum in downtown Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds from Bowties for Babies activities will benefit the Louisiana Right to Life Advertise for Life Project and will feature live music from the Big Easy Jazz Band, delicious food, a silent auction, and presentation of the 2019 Leadership for Life Award, which was first given in 2016; the award honors the individual who has most demonstrated a commitment to creating a culture of life in Louisiana; and

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WHEREAS, past recipients of the Leadership for Life Award include Hays Town, founder of the St. Elizabeth Foundation; former legislators Ben Nevers and Tom Willmott; and Sharon Weston Broome, former state legislator and current Baton Rouge mayor-

president; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Leadership for Life Award winners are Larry and Jonathan Stockstill who, together with their late brother Roy, have been instrumental in launching many of the pro-life ministries and outreaches in the Baton Rouge area, including maternity

homes, pregnancy centers, and Heartbeat of Louisiana Memorials; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the Legislature of Louisiana to recognize Bowties for Babies Day at the state capitol.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 9, 2019, as Bowties for Babies Day at the state capitol and hereby commends the organizers and participants of this wonderful event that exists to help create a culture of life in the great state of Louisiana.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE