

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT AND RISER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 24, 2020, as Sammy J. Franklin Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, this year, Sammy J. Franklin is celebrating his eightieth birthday; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-five years, Mr. Franklin has served in the newspaper industry;

and

WHEREAS, for fifty-two years, Mr. Franklin has served as the publisher and editor of *The Jena Times Olla-Tullos-Urania Signal*, the official newspaper of LaSalle Parish, the towns of Jena, Olla, Tullos, and Urania, the LaSalle Parish School Board, and numerous other parish bodies; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Franklin's leadership, *The Jena Times Olla-Tullos-Urania Signal* has earned a reputation as one of the most reliable and trustworthy newspapers in the state and the country; and

WHEREAS, the *Jena Times Olla-Tullos-Urania Signal* has received numerous awards from the Louisiana Press Association, including awards for editorial writing, newspaper reporting, photography, and advertising; and

WHEREAS, as one of LaSalle Parish's most influential citizens, Mr. Franklin deserves gratitude for his promotion of business and industry, which has helped the parish to enjoy growth and prosperity even while other parishes have experienced economic decline; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin's unwavering faith in God and his dedication to conservative morals and Christian values are continuing sources of inspiration for persons concerned about the fate of contemporary American society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 24, 2020, as Sammy J. Franklin Day

in Louisiana, and does hereby express appreciation and gratitude for Mr. Franklin's service, hard work, and unselfish dedication to the overall well-being of LaSalle Parish and to the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sammy J. Franklin.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES