

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR BARROW AND REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and commemorate the 2020 Inaugural Unified Social Distance Juneteenth Caravan in honor of Ms. Sadie Roberts-Joseph.

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation that ended slavery; however, two and one-half years later, there was little effect on southern states due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new executive order; and

WHEREAS, it was on June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of June 19, 1865, was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants of slaves, and is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery; and

WHEREAS, today, Juneteenth celebrates African-American freedom while encouraging education, achievement, and respect for all cultures in our nation; and

WHEREAS, Sadie Roberts-Joseph, a native of Fort Adams, Mississippi, and a resident of Baton Rouge, was a civil rights activist, community icon, and educator as well as the founder/curator of Odell S. Williams Museum of African-American History and establisher of Community Against Drugs and Violence (CADAV), Inc.; she was tragically killed on July 12, 2019.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commemorate the 2020 Inaugural Unified Social Distance Juneteenth Caravan in honor of Ms. Sadie Roberts-Joseph.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES