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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON AND COX

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates June 3, 2025, as Parks and Recreation Day at the state capitol

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To designate Tuesday, June 3, 2025, as Parks and Recreation Day at the state capitol and to
3	designate the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in the state of Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association's theme for Parks and
5	Recreation Month is "Build Together, Play Together"; and
6	WHEREAS, parks and recreation are essential to Louisiana's local communities
7	because they promote health and wellness, support childhood development, drive economic
8	opportunities, provide space for people to connect and socialize, and provide adaptable
9	infrastructure for resiliency in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and
10	WHEREAS, local parks departments across the state provide families with space to
11	gather and make memories, opportunities to introduce children to sports and nature, and a
12	variety of recreational activities; these parks provide Louisianians with a place to enjoy the
13	state's natural outdoor beauty, exercise, and take in fresh air; and
14	WHEREAS, parks and recreation increase a community's economic prosperity by
15	increasing property values, expanding the local tax base, increasing tourism, attracting and
16	retaining businesses, and reducing crime; and
17	WHEREAS, local parks play a fundamental role in promoting the environmental
18	well-being of Louisiana communities through the conservation of wildlife habitats and
19	native flora, and they also provide green infrastructure to mitigate the effects of localized
20	flooding; and

1 WHEREAS, two park systems in Louisiana are part of the less than two percent of 2 American park systems that have received accreditation through the National Recreation and 3 Park Association: the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission and the capitol 4 region's BREC; and 5 WHEREAS, local parks and recreation departments from across Louisiana will join 6 the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association in gathering at the capitol to promote the 7 vital role they play in local communities. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

## **DIGEST**

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hereby designate the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in the state of Louisiana.

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