

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 296

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAKIN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BROWN, CARLSON, CARVER, COX, CREWS, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FREIBERG, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HENRY, HILFERTY, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, MACK, NEWELL, OWEN, RISER, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WILDER, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To commemorate the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and to recognize the cultural and historic links between Ireland and Louisiana and the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

WHEREAS, March 17th marks the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, and Irish Americans join with men, women, and children of all ethnic origins who, for one day, "become Irish" and celebrate Saint Patrick and love for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, on Saint Patrick's Day, people throughout the state of Louisiana and around the world wear green and live for a day in the spirit of Saint Patrick, Saint Brigid, and Saint Colmcille; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants in the United States helped form the cultural foundation of the nation, and those of Irish lineage today proudly sing their support for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, there has always been a strong cultural connection between Ireland and Louisiana, especially in New Orleans where the first St. Patrick's Day celebration was held in 1806; between 1832 and 1838, an important new shipping channel, the New Basin Canal in New Orleans, was built with a workforce consisting almost entirely of Irish immigrants, which led to building several cohesive Irish communities in the city such as the Irish Channel Historic District and Irish Bayou; and

WHEREAS, the songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and the joyous songs of battle, the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and the glories that are the Emerald Isle, lamentations of life's myriad travails, and the odes of joy and the life eternal; and

WHEREAS, with leadership in all 50 states, the American Irish State Legislators Caucus was established with the aim of fostering and strengthening the longstanding relationship that exists between the United States of America and Ireland to the mutual benefit of both countries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and does hereby recognize the cultural and historic links between Ireland and Louisiana and the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES