

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 351

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

HISTORIC COMMEMORATION: Commends the Sons of the American Revolution's 250th Liberty Tree Celebration and encourages parishes in Louisiana to plant a Liberty Tree in a historically important location or in the name of a distinguished figure in American history

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Sons of the American Revolution 250th Liberty Tree Celebration and to
3 encourage parishes in Louisiana to plant a Liberty Tree in a historically important
4 location or in the name of a distinguished figure in American history.

5 WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) 250th Liberty Tree
6 Celebration is a five-year program that aims to plant two hundred fifty Liberty Trees with
7 at least one tree planted in each state by July 4, 2026; and

8 WHEREAS, the SAR 250th Liberty Tree Program was conceived during the
9 National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) History 250 Committee's
10 spring 2023 leadership meeting; and

11 WHEREAS, through SAR's 250th Liberty Tree Program, NSSAR aims to educate
12 the public about the importance of the American Revolution and the sacrifices made to
13 create the United States; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Trees are most impactful when planted in parishes or cities
named after a patriotic American figure or in areas that serve as a tribute to U.S. military
veterans; and

WHEREAS, the original Liberty Tree was a famous elm tree near Boston Common in Boston, Massachusetts, that stood from 1646 until 1775; in 1765, colonists in Boston staged the first act of defiance against the British at the tree, which became a rallying point

1 for the growing resistance; the area surrounding the tree became known as "Liberty Hall",
2 and the British cut the tree down in 1775 in a futile effort to halt the rebellion.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Sons of the American Revolution 250th
5 Liberty Tree Celebration and does hereby encourages parishes in Louisiana to plant a
6 Liberty Tree in a historically important location or in the name of a distinguished figure in
7 American history.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parishes are encouraged to plant such trees
9 around the third Friday of January 2026, which is recognized as Arbor Day in Louisiana.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in selecting the type of tree to plant, tree species
11 native to the area shall be planted and preference shall be given to the oak, the official tree
12 of the United States.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a commemorative plaque shall be installed
14 adjacent to each planting site.

DIGEST

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