

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, March 16, 2026, as Opportunity in Action Day at the capitol.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Opportunity Youth Alliance is a network of direct service providers and advocacy organizations working to ensure that public policies and institutions support the needs of Louisiana's opportunity youth with a focus on building a stronger connective fabric that supports all young people as they transition from school to the workforce; and

WHEREAS, an "opportunity youth" is defined as a person between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four years old who is not enrolled in school and does not work; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has the second-highest youth disconnection rate in the country, with more than eighty-six thousand disconnected youth throughout the state, which is three thousand six hundred more people than the maximum capacity of the Caesar's Superdome; and

WHEREAS, by prioritizing opportunity youth, Louisiana will expand education and workforce opportunities, expand the pool of talent that employers can access to meet workforce needs, and avert the societal cost associated with disconnection; and

WHEREAS, Opportunity in Action Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity for youth and youth-serving organizations throughout Louisiana to come together in the state capitol in Baton Rouge to learn more about the legislative process, engage with elected officials, and celebrate their commitment to improving the lives of opportunity youth in the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, March 16, 2026, as Opportunity

in Action Day at the capitol and does hereby encourage all communities in the state to support youth and youth-serving organizations to build a stronger and more unified Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES