

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the state capitol and to recognize the museum's contributions to early childhood education, family engagement, and economic vitality in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum is a nonprofit educational and cultural organization located in BREC's City-Brooks Park in Baton Rouge; the museum opened in August 2017 with the support of \$1,025,000 in state funding appropriated in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the museum is grounded in research that demonstrates the critical role of play in early brain development and focuses on unique and impactful playful learning experiences and bonding with supportive adults for children from birth through age eight; and

WHEREAS, since its opening, Knock Knock Children's Museum has welcomed more than one million five hundred thousand visitors, including more than one hundred forty thousand annually, and families travel from all sixty-four Louisiana parishes, all fifty states, and numerous countries to enjoy the museum's experience; and

WHEREAS, the museum strengthens the quality of life and economy of the Capital Region and helps close knowledge and opportunity gaps through its Access for All programs, which serve more than twenty thousand children each year, including children with disabilities, special needs, and families with limited financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the museum provides a safe and inclusive space through its eighteen interactive learning zones, where children and families learn together and build early literacy, critical thinking, creativity, and STEAM skills, and explore career pathways; and

WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum supports educators across Louisiana by providing professional learning opportunities that promote innovative teaching strategies in early childhood and elementary education; and

WHEREAS, the museum serves as a vital community resource that connects families to regional experts and expertise, strengthens family bonds, and prepares Louisiana's youngest learners for future success.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the state capitol; does hereby commend the museum for its outstanding contributions to early childhood education, community engagement, and economic development in Louisiana; and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the museum's ongoing mission to be a community spark for engaging, playful learning experiences that inspire and support lifelong learning and open doors to a world of opportunity and possibility for children.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES