

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as Stuffed Shrimp Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, has a long history with stuffed shrimp dating back to the mid-1950s; and

WHEREAS, Freeman & Harris Cafe, a Creole and Black-owned restaurant in Shreveport, became known for the dish at its original location on Texas Avenue; the avenue was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, and is now the location of the Texas Avenue Historic District; and

WHEREAS, former chefs of Freeman & Harris Cafe brought the iconic stuffed shrimp recipe to various restaurant locations around the city, and the dish began appearing in home kitchens and restaurants around the country; and

WHEREAS, stuffed shrimp is served by numerous Shreveport restaurants, including Brother's Seafood, Eddie's Seafood & Soulfood, and Orlandeaux's Café; and

WHEREAS, historians have documented that stuffed shrimp was served during meetings between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and local civil rights leaders, which is a testament to the iconic status of the dish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as Stuffed Shrimp Day at the state capitol.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES