

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 21, 2026, as Renewable Energy Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana boasts impressive supplies of onshore and offshore energy resources, and the state's natural resources have provided thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic development; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's rich history and expertise in energy development positions the state to pave the way for emerging industries; renewable energy is becoming increasingly more affordable and efficient and has the potential to provide significant economic and environmental benefits to the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association, Louisiana's solar energy resources are expected to grow more than tenfold over the next few years, and solar growth in Louisiana could lead to more than sixteen billion dollars in economic development and over four hundred thirteen thousand jobs over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, wind energy is an abundant and growing source of renewable energy that can create jobs and economic opportunities in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's maritime and oil and gas industries played instrumental roles in the construction of the first offshore wind farm in the United States; and

WHEREAS, battery storage technology is improving rapidly and has the potential to play a critical role in integrating renewable energy sources into our electric grid and creating new jobs in the energy sector; and

WHEREAS, hydrogen is a versatile energy carrier that can be produced from renewable sources and used in a variety of applications, including transportation and industrial processes, which create new economic opportunities in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of proposals for power plant facilities in Louisiana are renewable energy projects across thirty parishes in the state; and

WHEREAS, jobs in fields involving clean and renewable energy pay higher wages and support local economies in the state, particularly in rural and coastal areas that have been hard hit by economic challenges; and

WHEREAS, investment in clean and renewable energy will diversify Louisiana's economy and position the state as a leader in the transition to a clean energy future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, April 21, 2026, as Louisiana Renewable Energy Day at the state capitol and does hereby express support for the state's continued investment in clean and renewable energy.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES