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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Declares May 6, 2026, as Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 6, 2026, as Recreation and Parks Association Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to designate the month of May as Recreation and Parks Month in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association's theme for Recreation and Parks Month is "Build Together, Play Together"; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are essential to Louisiana's local communities because they promote health and wellness, support childhood development, drive economic opportunities, provide space for people to connect and socialize, and provide adaptable infrastructure for resiliency in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS, local parks departments across the state provide families with space to gather and make memories, opportunities to introduce children to sports and nature, and a variety of recreational activities; these parks provide Louisianians with a place to enjoy the state's natural outdoor beauty, exercise, and take in fresh air; and

WHEREAS, recreation and parks increase a community's economic prosperity by increasing property values, expanding the local tax base, increasing tourism, attracting and retaining businesses, and reducing crime; and

WHEREAS, local parks play a fundamental role in promoting the environmental

well-being of Louisiana communities through the conservation of wildlife habitats and native flora, and also provide green infrastructure to mitigate the effects of localized flooding; and

WHEREAS, two park systems in Louisiana are part of the less than two percent of American park systems that have received accreditation through the National Recreation and Park Association: the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission and the capital region's Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC); and

WHEREAS, local recreation and parks departments from across Louisiana will join the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association in gathering at the Louisiana State Capitol to promote the vital role they play in local communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 6, 2026, as Recreation and Parks Association Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby designate the month of May as Recreation and Parks Month in the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Municipal Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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