SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATOR BROOME

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Monday, May 18, 2015, as "Forum 35 Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the members of Forum 35.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the members of Forum 35, a young professional organization dedicated to improving and shaping Baton Rouge, for their dedication to their core pillars of Arts and Culture, Diversity, and Leadership; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1993, Forum 35 has inspired young professionals to become more involved with philanthropic organizations and activities; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past twenty-two years, Forum 35 has expanded membership to over 450 members and 27 corporate partners; and

WHEREAS, Forum 35 hosts and participates in many valuable initiatives and events including Art Melt, Cultural Diversity, Forum Friday, John W. Barton Sr. Community Leadership Development Program, Uncorked, Viva il Vino, Reindeer Run, Public Education Project, Service Committee, and various socials; and

WHEREAS, Forum 35 is committed to community service and actively contributes to the educational, civic, and social life of the citizens of Baton Rouge and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Forum 35 members spoke out on major issues, volunteered for more than 3,500 hours in the community, and unveiled a new logo for the first time in their history; and

WHEREAS, Forum 35 is currently finalizing a strategic plan to guide the organization to a position of greater ability and prestige in the Baton Rouge community; and

WHEREAS, Forum 35 does not endorse candidates for public office, but does encourage their members to vote, regardless of individual political beliefs; and

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WHEREAS, Forum 35 Day at the state capitol allows members to speak with their legislators to address issues that are pertinent to the Baton Rouge community and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, May 18, 2015, as "Forum 35 Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of Forum 35 for the tremendous honor and pride that they bring to the Baton Rouge community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Forum 35 Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES