

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Monday, May 15, 2017, as I-49 South Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the nine-parish Acadiana region's business community comes together annually to celebrate Acadiana Day at the capitol to advocate for priorities that will improve its economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, May 15-19, 2017, is being observed nationally as Infrastructure Week; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Louisiana rely on critical infrastructure, including roads and bridges, railroads and transit systems, ports and airports, pipes and water systems, reliable power supply, access to broadband and telecommunications, and connectivity to the regional, national, and global economy; and

WHEREAS, this infrastructure enhances our local, regional, and state economy, our quality of life, our safety, and the strength of our communities; and

WHEREAS, America's poorly funded infrastructure and transportation systems are more than a drag on the economy, they can be harmful to health and safety, even though tragedies resulting from infrastructure failures are most often preventable with adequate investment; and

WHEREAS, every dollar invested in infrastructure generates nearly two dollars in economic output; and

WHEREAS, to grow the economy, keep Americans safe, and strengthen our communities, we need all levels of government and the private sector to work together to rebuild and repair the nation's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, I-49 South Day has been established to highlight infrastructure investment needs in Louisiana, and to recognize and encourage leadership at the federal, state, and local levels to address the pressing infrastructure challenges in Acadiana; and

WHEREAS, the completion of I-49 South is vital for the state of Louisiana and the rest of the country because it will improve safety and commerce, provide congestion relief and evacuation capacity, and stimulate economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, despite fiscal challenges, it is important for the state of Louisiana to work towards the completion of I-49 South.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, May 15, 2017, as I-49 South Day at the state capitol and urges the citizens of Louisiana to commemorate this special day with appropriate events and commemorations.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES