

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 296

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COMMENDATIONS: Commemorates the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognizes the cultural and historic links between Ireland and Louisiana and the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commemorate the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and to recognize the cultural and
3 historic links between Ireland and Louisiana and the establishment of the American
4 Irish State Legislators Caucus.

5 WHEREAS, March 17th marks the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick,
6 the Patron Saint of Ireland, and Irish Americans join with men, women, and children of all
7 ethnic origins who, for one day, "become Irish" and celebrate Saint Patrick and love for
8 Ireland; and

9 WHEREAS, on Saint Patrick's Day, people throughout the state of Louisiana and
10 around the world wear green and live for a day in the spirit of Saint Patrick, Saint Brigid, and
11 Saint Colmcille; and

12 WHEREAS, Irish immigrants in the United States helped form the cultural
13 foundation of the nation, and those of Irish lineage today proudly sing their support for
14 Ireland; and

15 WHEREAS, there has always been a strong cultural connection between Ireland and
16 Louisiana, especially in New Orleans where the first St. Patrick's Day celebration was held
17 in 1806; between 1832 and 1838, an important new shipping channel, the New Basin Canal
18 in New Orleans, was built with a workforce consisting almost entirely of Irish immigrants,
19 which led to building several cohesive Irish communities in the city such as the Irish
20 Channel Historic District and Irish Bayou; and

1 WHEREAS, the songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and the joyous songs
2 of battle, the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and the glories that are the Emerald Isle,
3 lamentations of life's myriad travails, and the odes of joy and the life eternal; and

4 WHEREAS, with leadership in all 50 states, the American Irish State Legislators
5 Caucus was established with the aim of fostering and strengthening the longstanding
6 relationship that exists between the United States of America and Ireland to the mutual
7 benefit of both countries.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and
10 does hereby recognize the cultural and historic links between Ireland and Louisiana and the
11 establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

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