

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 27, 2026, as Louisiana Young Heroes Day at the state capitol and to commend the Louisiana Public Broadcasting 2026 Louisiana Young Heroes.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) defines a "Young Hero" as an exceptional young person who has excelled in academics, given significantly of themselves through public service, overcome personal adversity, exhibited extraordinary heroism, or inspired others through their deeds and strength of character to become better students, people, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, LPB honors seven high school students from around the state as the 2026 Louisiana Young Heroes; these outstanding students are role models in their local communities and will join over two hundred thirty-six past honorees who have received this award during the program's thirty-year history; and

WHEREAS, Jaden Armstrong of Baton Rouge is a senior at Liberty Magnet High School; he is a problem solver and entrepreneur who developed his own clothing brand, Feel Better, which incorporates braille; he is inspired by his visually-impaired younger brother and was among the top six finalists at the Young Entrepreneurs Academy national competition; and

WHEREAS, Marleigh Auzenne of Lafayette is a sophomore at Early College Academy; she has a nonverbal autistic brother who inspired her to create the Sound Sanctuary Noise-Cancelling Headphone Lending Library for people with sensory needs; she also serves as a junior facilitator for The Confidence Campaign of Acadiana's Girl Empowerment Workshops; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Chambers of New Iberia is a junior at Loreauville High School; although he was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, he is dedicated to helping at-risk teens through the Teen Court program; after learning that his Acadian, French, and Spanish ancestors were Revolutionary patriots, he began participating as a reenactor for the Daughters of the American Revolution America 250 programs; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Gomes of New Orleans is a senior at Benjamin Franklin High School; she is passionate about supporting children by volunteering at the University of New Orleans Children's Library and supporting students across the globe; her efforts have funded tuition, books, a new dorm, and desks for the Petals School of Africa in Kenya, and she provided the school with life-changing feminine care supplies; and

WHEREAS, John Parker, Jr., of Bush is a junior at Covington High School; despite facing significant hearing loss as a toddler, he confidently leads debates, delivers speeches, and represents youth statewide; he and his sister co-founded The Parker Storylight Foundation to promote literacy and have collected and distributed more than eight hundred books to Title I schools and over three hundred blankets during the Christmas season; and

WHEREAS, Maylie Stanley of Glenmora is a senior at Pineville High School and the Louisiana Teens Speak Up representative through the Epilepsy Foundation; she shares her personal journey and emphasizes the need for increased research funding, expanded education, and improved access to care for individuals living with epilepsy, and her advocacy efforts have included meetings with lawmakers in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Brooklynn Warner of Ponchatoula is a junior at Hammond High Magnet School; she is the oldest sibling in a home that has welcomed children through foster care, and she understands that potential is often a matter of circumstance; she is the lead programmer for her robotics teams and was named one of the top forty young women in computing by the National Center for Women & Information Technology; she also founded the Pink Potion Society to provide STEM experiences for girls; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Louisiana Young Heroes are an incredible group of young men and women who are most deserving of recognition for their outstanding contributions to the state and its citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 27, 2026, as Louisiana Young Heroes Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend the Louisiana Public Broadcasting 2026 Louisiana Young Heroes for their outstanding contributions to the state and its citizens.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES