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**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Forty-third Regular Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, April 17, 2017

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:28 P.M., by the Honorable Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Foil	Leopold
Abraham	Franklin	Lyons
Abramson	Garofalo	Mack
Amedee	Gisclair	Magee
Anders	Glover	Marcellé
Armes	Guinn	Marino
Bacala	Hall	McFarland
Bagley	Harris, J.	Miguez
Bagneris	Harris, L.	Miller, D.
Berthelot	Havard	Miller, G.
Billiot	Hazel	Morris, Jay
Bishop	Henry	Morris, Jim
Bouie	Hensgens	Norton
Broadwater	Hilferty	Pearson
Brown, C.	Hill	Pierre
Brown, T.	Hodges	Pope
Carmody	Hoffmann	Price
Carpenter	Hollis	Pugh
Carter, G.	Horton	Pylant
Carter, R.	Howard	Reynolds
Carter, S.	Hunter	Richard
Chaney	Ivey	Schexnayder
Connick	Jackson	Schroder
Coussan	James	Simon
Cox	Jefferson	Smith
Cromer	Jenkins	Stagni
Danahay	Johnson	Stefanski
Davis	Jones	Stokes
DeVillier	Jordan	Talbot
Dwight	Landry, N.	Thibaut
Edmonds	Landry, T.	Thomas

Emerson	LeBas	White
Falconer	Leger	Zeringue
Total - 99		

The Speaker announced that there were 99 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. Jim Morris.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Chaney led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Reading of the Journal**

On motion of Rep. Hill, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Hill, the Journal of April 13, 2017, was adopted.

**Introduction of Resolutions,  
House and House Concurrent**

The following members introduced the following entitled House and House Concurrent Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Monday, April 17, 2017, as DASH Diet Day at the state capitol and to commend Louisiana State University's Pennington Biomedical Research Center for its contributions to the development of the DASH diet program.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Foil, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

A RESOLUTION

To commend ExxonMobil and recognize Monday, April 17, 2017, as ExxonMobil Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Jordan, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as Phi Beta Sigma Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Carpenter, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as Zeta Phi Beta Day at the state capitol and to commend the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Carpenter, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

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### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

#### A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University Eunice (LSUE) for its efforts to offer more educational opportunities for the state's residents.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. DeVillier, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

#### A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as LSU Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Leger, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

#### A RESOLUTION

To commend Gabriela González for her work in the recent groundbreaking scientific discovery of gravitational waves.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Davis, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

#### A RESOLUTION

To commend Shelton Dunaway for his musical achievements and recognize him as a southwest Louisiana cultural treasure.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Franklin, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

#### A RESOLUTION

To commend Mr. Ron Rossi for thirty-two years of service and dedication to Jesuit High School.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Leger, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

#### A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association for its outstanding achievements and to designate April 18, 2017, as Louisiana Physical Therapy Association Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. LeBas, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

#### A RESOLUTION

To commend William Hymes for his outstanding accomplishments and achievements.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Cox, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

#### A RESOLUTION

To commend Sedric Clark on Mansfield High School in DeSoto Parish upon being named the 2017 Louisiana State Principal of the Year.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Cox, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend D. Neil Granger, Ph.D., for his many accomplishments and contributions to the Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. McFarland, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Herman Bernard "Barney" Schoenberger of Plaquemines Parish.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Leopold, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. G. E. Ghali, D.D.S., M.D., F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), Chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, for extraordinary leadership in the advancement of the institution and in the rich legacy of medical instruction and research that he contributes to his community, the state, and the world.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Jenkins, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERTHELOT, BACALA, PRICE, AND SCHEXNAYDER AND SENATOR LAMBERT

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend G.W. Carver Primary School in Ascension Parish upon receipt of the 2017 TAP Founder's Award from the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Berthelot, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Dennis J. O'Callaghan, Ph.D., for his many accomplishments and contributions to his field.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Bagley, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the prospective use of the term "d/Deaf" in law, and to report findings of the study in the form of recommendations to the legislature concerning the term.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOKES

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To recognize and commend Team Gleason and the Gleason Initiative Foundation for tireless advocacy on behalf of persons with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neuromuscular diseases and injuries.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Ivey, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

### Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions

The following named members introduced the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 109—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:337.14(E), relative to the central sales tax collection commission of St. Landry Parish; to provide relative to the membership of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 148—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 48:1309.4, relative to the city of Monroe; to authorize the governing authority of the city to create road lighting and video monitoring districts; to provide relative to the purpose, boundaries, governance, and funding of the districts; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the districts and their governing boards; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 150—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:231, 232(A), and 234(A), relative to the South St. Landry Community Library District; to provide relative to the name of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 151—**

Withdrawn from the files of the House prior to introduction.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 262—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 51:1157.4, relative to the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the industrial development board for the city; to provide relative to powers and duties of the board, including the power to enter into contracts; to authorize the governing authority of the city to establish a contract approval process with respect to contracts entered into by the board; to provide limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 505—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 17:85.1, relative to Monroe City Schools; to name the building used as an auditorium and gymnasium at Lincoln Elementary School in honor of a living person; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 617—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:600.1(B)(1) and (4) and 600.2(B)(1) and (4), relative to district five and six road commissions of St. Landry parish; to provide relative to the appointment of the commissioners of the boards of district five and six road commissions of St. Landry parish; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 627—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:964(H) and 964.1(B) and to repeal R.S. 13:964.2, relative to court reporters; to provide for an increase in transcript fees in the Fourteenth Judicial District; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 628—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

**AN ACT**

To enact Part II-B of Chapter 2 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:288.1 through 288.7, relative to the commercial activity tax; to provide for the rate and calculation of the tax; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions; to provide for requirements and limitations; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; to require the filing of consolidated returns under certain circumstances; to provide for administration of the tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 629—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES ANDERS AND BROADWATER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.25(A)(3), relative to state sales and use tax exemptions; to provide for certain exemptions to the state sales and use tax; to provide for the definition of farm equipment to include polyroll tubing; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on  
Civil Law and Procedure

April 17, 2017

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Pursuant to a meeting held on April 13, 2017, I am directed by your Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to submit the following report:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, by Foil  
Reported favorably. (7-0-1)

House Bill No. 123, by White, Malinda  
Reported with amendments. (5-0-1)

House Bill No. 137, by Jenkins  
Reported with amendments. (7-0-1)

House Bill No. 317, by Bagley  
Reported favorably. (7-0-1)

House Bill No. 524, by Schroder  
Reported favorably. (7-0-1)

RAYMOND E. GAROFALO, JR.  
Chairman

Report of the Committee on  
Commerce

April 17, 2017

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Commerce to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 211, by Foil  
Reported favorably. (10-0)

House Bill No. 290, by Cox  
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 299, by Coussan  
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 310, by Reynolds  
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 460, by Berthelot  
Reported with amendments. (13-0)

THOMAS G. CARMODY, JR.  
Chairman

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions  
Lying Over**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions lying over were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to determine the feasibility and potential savings of privatizing certain correctional facilities and using the savings to fund programs for state offenders housed at local facilities.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Administration on Criminal Justice.

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

April 17, 2017

To the honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Enrollment to submit the following report:

The following House Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH  
A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 23, 2017, as Elmer's Candy Day in the state of Louisiana.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL  
A RESOLUTION

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER  
A RESOLUTION

To commend the members of the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association for their dedicated hard work on behalf of the athletes of Louisiana and to designate Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as LATA Day at the state capitol.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS  
A RESOLUTION

To express support for the work of the Louisiana office of soil and water conservation in the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER  
A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, April 27, 2017, as FFA Day at the legislature and to commend the state officers of FFA.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN  
A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Warren Daniel upon his retirement as a physician in West Monroe, Louisiana.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARPENTER AND AMEDEE  
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council and its grassroots advocacy network, LaCAN, for their advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities and to designate Wednesday, April 26, 2017, as Disability Rights Day in Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS HAZEL  
Chairman

The above House Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the rules of the House.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Carmody, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Commerce to meet at 10:00 A.M. instead of 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Jim Morris, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on Ways and Means to meet on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Bill No. 626

**Leave of Absence**

Rep. Shadoin - 1 day

Rep. Gaines - 1 day

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Billiot, at 4:58 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House

