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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends citizens who serve as jurors and designates May 11 through May 15, 2015, as Jury Appreciation Week in the state of Louisiana

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend citizens who devote their time to serve as jurors and to designate the week of
3	May 11 through May 15, 2015, as Jury Appreciation Week in the state of Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American
5	citizenship; and
6	WHEREAS, the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as fundamental to our
7	democracy as the right vote; and
8	WHEREAS, courts depend upon citizens to serve as jurors, and service by citizens
9	as jurors is indispensable to the judicial system; and
10	WHEREAS, all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury
11	service; and
12	WHEREAS, a continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the Louisiana State Bar
13	Association, and our communities is to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair,
14	effective, and not unduly burdensome; and
15	WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show
16	appreciation for the many citizens who devote their time and talents to serve on juries; and
17	WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana is committed to the following goals:
18	educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service, ensuring that the
19	responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among citizens, ensuring that all jurors are
20	treated with the utmost respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome, providing
21	jurors with necessary tools to assist them with their decision making, and continuing to

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- 1 improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court
- 2 officials; and
- 3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the important contributions of citizens who
- 4 devote their time and effort in serving as jurors and to designate the week of May 11 through
- 5 May 15, 2015, as Jury Appreciation Week in the state of Louisiana.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- 7 commend the efforts of all citizens who devote their time to serve as jurors and does hereby
- 8 designate the week of May 11 through May 15, 2015, as Jury Appreciation Week in the state
- 9 of Louisiana.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 11 to Jim Harris.

## **DIGEST**

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