

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVE CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, May 23, 2017, as Forum 35 Day at the state capitol and to commend the members of Forum 35.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the members of Forum 35, an organization of young professionals dedicated to improving and shaping Baton Rouge, for their dedication to the pillars of the organization: arts and culture, leadership, and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1993, Forum 35 has inspired young professionals to become more involved with philanthropic organizations and activities; and

WHEREAS, over the past twenty-four years, its membership has expanded to more than four hundred members and twenty corporate partners; and

WHEREAS, Forum 35 hosts and participates in many valuable initiatives and events, including Art Melt, Forum Friday, the John W. Barton, Sr., Community Leadership Development Program, Uncorked, Reindeer Run, the Public Education Project, and Leadership Hour, as well as various service projects, cultural diversity forums, and member socials; and

WHEREAS, Forum 35 is committed to community service and actively contributes to the educational, civic, and social life of the citizens of Baton Rouge and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Forum 35 members regularly speak out on major issues and provide thousands of hours of volunteer work to the community; and

WHEREAS, as a part of a new strategic plan, Forum 35 implemented a new corporate partnership development model in 2017 to bolster the organization's ability to serve as a recruitment, retention, and development tool of young professionals for corporations in the capital region; and

WHEREAS, Forum 35 does not endorse candidates for public office, but encourages its members to vote, regardless of individual political beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Forum 35 Day at the state capitol allows members to speak with their legislators to address issues that are pertinent to the Baton Rouge community and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 23, 2017, as Forum 35 Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of Forum 35 for the tremendous honor and pride they bring to the Baton Rouge community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the board of directors of Forum 35.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES