

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT AND MIKE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To recognize June 18-25, 2023, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies, and countries by creating friendships and allowing the sharing of ideas; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, amateur radio operators have also provided countless hours of community service both in emergencies and by assisting local organizations; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators provide such services as volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana also recognizes the services amateur radio operators provide to our many emergency response organizations, including the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and many parish and local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, these individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs, and other charitable public events; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana appreciates the diligence of these amateur radio operators who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League is the national association for amateur radio operators in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 850,000 amateur radio licensees in the United States, and an estimated three million worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 24-25, 2023; the exercise is a twenty-four hour emergency preparedness drill and demonstration of the operators' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize June 18-25, 2023, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES