

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC) and to recognize Thursday, May 11, 2017, as FFLIC's Mother's Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC) is a statewide, grassroots, membership-based, and parent-led organization that was founded in 2001 and is committed to rebuilding families, reforming the juvenile justice system, and abolishing the school-to-prison pipeline; and

WHEREAS, FFLIC seeks equal life opportunities for all of Louisiana's children, particularly those most at risk of being unjustifiably presumed to be or treated as criminals; and

WHEREAS, through empowerment, leadership development, and training, FFLIC strives to prevent children from going to prison and to support those who have and their families; and

WHEREAS, FFLIC has been very instrumental in ushering in juvenile justice reforms in Louisiana, helped to secure the passage of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2003, and works to empower parent leaders to serve as change agents in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one of FFLIC's primary goals is dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, which is the systematic and institutional approach to depriving poor people of color of the right to an equitable and quality education; and

WHEREAS, FFLIC endeavors to impart to policymakers the negative impact that certain school disciplinary measures have on children and their families and how such measures are hastening some students' entry into the juvenile justice system and eventually the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 11, 2017, mothers, families, and youth from across the state are convening in Baton Rouge to meet with their legislators and gather on the steps of the state capitol; and

WHEREAS, this day is an important opportunity for families to demonstrate their civic engagement and bring awareness to policymakers on matters at the heart of FFLIC's work and mission; and

WHEREAS, for its tireless and admirable efforts on behalf of rebuilding families, enacting juvenile justice reform, and ending the school-to-prison pipeline, Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children merits sincere and heartfelt commendation and appreciation, and it is appropriate to set aside a special day in recognition of their dedication to the children of this state, to equality, and to justice.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC) and does hereby recognize Thursday, May 11, 2017, as FFLIC Mother's Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES