

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, April 26, 2022, as Survivors of Violence Lobby Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, less than half of violent crimes are reported to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest data, Louisiana has the fifth highest crime rate, the highest homicide rate, and the highest incarceration rate in the nation; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Fund ranks among the lowest in the nation when measured in terms of the number of dollars spent to support survivors per reported crime; and

WHEREAS, similarly, for crime survivors applying for direct financial assistance from the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Fund, Louisiana's aggregate expense cap is the lowest in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Survivors for Reform, or LSR, is a coalition of survivors, victims' loved ones, and organizations that seek to create change in the criminal legal system; and

WHEREAS, the LSR is comprised of people with a variety of identities and backgrounds who are united by the conviction that any approach to reform needs to include the voices of crime survivors and others directly impacted by the current system; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, LSR has been organizing and pursuing systematic change through policy, education, and the cultivation of community; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims Rights Week will be commemorated April 24-30, 2022, and the 2022 theme is rights, access, equity, for all victims; and

WHEREAS, during that week, on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, the second annual Survivors of Violence Lobby Day will be commemorated as well; and

WHEREAS, on this day, survivors of crime and victims' loved ones from across the state of Louisiana will make their voices heard during the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the Survivors of Violence Lobby Day is a day for survivors to build fellowship with one another and to raise awareness among lawmakers; and

WHEREAS, the following organizations will participate in the activities and festivities that mark this momentous day: LSR, Crime Survivors NOLA, Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR), Silence is Violence, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault, the Voice of the Experienced, the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison Reform Coalition, and the Promise of Justice Initiative; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Legislature of Louisiana to recognize Survivors of Violence Lobby Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 26, 2022, as Survivors of Violence Lobby Day at the state capitol.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES