

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "Louisiana Bicentennial 1812-2012" on the license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and to issue such plates not later than January 3, 2011, through December 31, 2012, or until the Department of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of such plates.

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1812, Louisiana was admitted by Congress as the eighteenth state in the Union; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 558 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana by Senator Walsworth and Representative Tucker recognizes that the year 2012 marks the anniversary of Louisiana's two hundred years as a state; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 558 proposes to create the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for the purpose of leading the state to commemorate and celebrate the anniversary of Louisiana's two hundred years as a state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana further recognizes that, as the state approaches its bicentennial of statehood, it is appropriate to celebrate and commemorate this anniversary through local and statewide observances and activities planned, encouraged, coordinated, and conducted by a commission created for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, one of the specific charges of the commission is to encourage state agencies to develop bicentennial programs, such as the creation of a commemorative automobile license plate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint Louisiana license plates for private passenger motor vehicles with a design proposed by the Louisiana

Bicentennial Commission, which design shall include the official logo of the bicentennial in the center of the plate, thereby replacing the pelican imprint, and "Louisiana Bicentennial 1812-2012" on the bottom of the plate, thereby replacing the words "Sportsman's Paradise" and which retains Louisiana in red on the top of the plate, and on which shall be provided space for the yearly validation sticker at the bottom right-hand corner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the license plate described herein, which shall require no additional state funding, shall be an official license plate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall begin imprinting the plates at such time and on such a schedule as necessary to allow for issuance of the "Louisiana Bicentennial 1812-2012" license plate for private passenger motor vehicles beginning not later than January 3, 2011, and shall continue issuing such plates through December 31, 2012, or until the Department of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of such plates, whichever is later.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or after December 31, 2012, or after the Department of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of such plates, whichever is later, the department shall cease issuing the "Louisiana Bicentennial 1812-2012" license plate and the design of the standard Louisiana license plate shall revert to the design which received legislative approval as required in R.S. 47:463(A)(3) through passage of SCR No. 196 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES