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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROOME

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To provide relative to racism and education about racism.

WHEREAS, America's foundational document, *The Declaration of Independence*, expresses the self-evident truth that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, and that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 declares that the only legitimate ends of government are to secure justice for all, preserve peace, protect the rights, and promote the happiness and general welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, empirical science has documented an indisputable commonality among all people groups, or races, and has demonstrated that normal variations in the human gene pool account for our differences, of which racial differences are a trivial portion; and

WHEREAS, Adolf Hitler and others have exploited the racist views to to justify the annihilation of millions of purportedly racially inferior individuals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby deplore all instances and ideologies of racism, does hereby reject the concept that certain races and classes of humans are inherently superior to others, and does hereby condemn the extent to which these philosophies have been used to justify and approve racist practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does also hereby urge and request the public education system of Louisiana, as appropriate in the curriculum, to address the commonalities of people groups and the weaknesses of racism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of administration, who will make its contents known to the heads of each Louisiana state department and agency; to the Board of Regents, who will make its contents known to each college and university president or chancellor; and to the state superintendent of education, who will make its contents known to the superintendent of each city, parish, or other local public school system.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE