

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 246

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Roque Brothers Farm upon its one hundredth anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Roque Brothers Farm upon its one hundredth anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, on July 1-4, 2016, Roque Brothers Farm, LLC, will celebrate its
4 centennial anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, this 800-acre, minority-owned, beef cattle operation is located in the
6 picturesque Cane River area of Natchitoches; and

7 WHEREAS, Roque Brothers Farm was founded in 1916 by Emitte and Cecile
8 Roque; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Roque was a cotton, corn, hay, and cattle producer, and also
10 operated Roque Brothers Grocery Store and used the store as a butchering operation; and

11 WHEREAS, the operation continued until 1982, when the family decided to take the
12 land out of row crop production and concentrate specifically on pasture and cattle; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1993, Roque Brothers Farm added a new venture, pecan harvesting,
14 which includes custom harvesting and selling pecans across the southern region of the
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, today, the farm produces pecans, cattle, yearlings, and hay; and
17 conservation of the farm's natural resources is a primary concern for the Roque family; and

18 WHEREAS, recently, the Roque family worked with the National Resources
19 Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency, and USDA Rural Development to host a
20 minority farmer outreach field day on its farm; attendees heard about the farm's history and
21 toured the farm to see and learn about conservation practices; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Roque family began making a Louisiana delicacy, Mama's
2 Cane River Meat Pies, which received the best pie recognition at the 2014 Natchitoches
3 Meat Pie Festival; and

4 WHEREAS, the Roque family has a love and passion for its land and heritage and
5 the family-owned farm, which had its beginning 100 years ago; the family is committed to
6 doing everything possible to protect and conserve the farm's natural resources for the next
7 hundred years.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Roque Brothers Farm upon the celebration
10 of its one hundredth anniversary and does hereby thank the Roque family for its farm
11 operations and efforts to encourage land conservation, all of which have benefitted the
12 people of the great state of Louisiana.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
14 to the Roque family.

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