

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival and designates Thursday, April 27, 2017, as Crawfish Festival Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival and to designate Thursday, April 27,  
3 2017, as Crawfish Festival Day at the state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival begins on Friday, May 5, 2017,  
5 and lasts through Sunday, May 7, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, this crawfish festival is known around the country and even the world;  
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8 WHEREAS, every May, thousands of hungry people flock to Breaux Bridge to be  
9 part of the festivities; and

10 WHEREAS, the world famous festival began in 1960 as a spin-off of the Breaux  
11 Bridge Centennial Celebration, just after the Louisiana Legislature had named Breaux  
12 Bridge the Crawfish Capital of the World in 1959; and

13 WHEREAS, the crawfish festival is overseen by the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival  
14 Association, which is a volunteer association whose mission is to promote the crawfish  
15 industry in Louisiana and the culture of Cajun country; and

16 WHEREAS, since its inception, the crawfish festival has also become one of the  
17 largest gatherings of world-famous Cajun, Zydeco, and Swamp Pop musicians, and plays  
18 host to more than thirty bands during the three-day festival; and

19 WHEREAS, at the crawfish festival, people enjoy tasting crawfish prepared in every  
20 imaginable way, be it fried, boiled, in an étouffée, bisque, boudin, pie or jambalaya, and  
21 crawdogs, along with other Cajun favorites, such as shrimp, gumbo, red beans and rice; and

1           WHEREAS, in addition to music and cuisine, the crawfish festival features a wide  
2 variety of fun-filled events, such as crawfish races, Cajun & Zydeco dance contests, a  
3 crawfish étouffée cook-off, and a crawfish eating contest; and

4           WHEREAS, the crawfish festival also features a parade that honors the Crawfish  
5 Queen, Miss McKenzie Melancon, who rules over the festivities with her King, Mr. Lionel  
6 Robin, both of Breaux Bridge; and

7           WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival has been recognized several times  
8 as Festival of the Year, Division II, by the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals and  
9 has received numerous awards for the marketing of the festival; and

10           WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival has been named a Top 20 Event  
11 by the Southeast Tourism Society and was named a Top 10 Food Festival by *USA Today*.

12           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival; does  
14 hereby designate Thursday, April 27, 2017, as Crawfish Festival Day at the state capitol; and  
15 enthusiastically invites all citizens of the state of Louisiana to participate in this wonderful  
16 celebration of Cajun cuisine and music in May of 2017.

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