

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

A RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, this crawfish festival is known around the country and even the world; and

WHEREAS, every May, thousands of hungry people flock to Breaux Bridge to be part of the festivities; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES