

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 244

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

A RESOLUTION

To commend the village of Marion upon winning the state Cleanest City Contest sponsored by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, in Category B.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Garden Club Federation is affiliated with the National Garden Clubs, Inc., within the Deep South Region and is a nonprofit organization bringing together the garden clubs of Louisiana through education, beautification, and conservation; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, the Louisiana Garden Club Federation began sponsoring a statewide Cleanest City Contest; and

WHEREAS, the aim of the contest is to instill civic pride in individual citizens and thus improve the appearance of villages, towns, and cities; and

WHEREAS, each year, the competition has become stronger, and the cities and towns have achieved higher and higher standards of cleanliness; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Garden Club Federation points with pride to the many communities that have participated in the contest through the years and to the ever-increasing number of citizens who work year-round to keep their communities clean and beautiful; and

WHEREAS, the Cleanest City in Louisiana is chosen within categories based upon population, and the state winner in each category is chosen from the district winners in the category by a panel of state judges composed of three qualified Louisiana Garden Club Federation members who are selected by the state contest chairman and approved by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation president; and

WHEREAS, in the contest, cities and towns are judged on the basis of ten criteria, including cleanliness of business establishments, parks, streets, sidewalks, and neutral grounds, as well as overall impression of cleanliness and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the village of Marion was again selected as the winner of the Cleanest City Contest for the local District V and for the state in Category B, municipalities with a population of 500 to 999 persons; it is the seventh time in nine contests that the village of Marion has earned these honors, and it is fitting to herald the civic pride its citizens take in maintaining Marion as one of Louisiana's finest on display.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the village of Marion upon winning the prestigious award of Cleanest City in Louisiana, in Category B, and congratulates the citizens of the village for their successful efforts to keep their community clean and beautiful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor of Marion.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES