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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends the city of Harahan on its one hundredth anniversary

A RESOLUTION

2 To commemorate the centennial of the founding of the city of Harahan and to congratulate 3 its citizens as they celebrate this significant milestone. 4 WHEREAS, the city of Harahan was named after James T. Harahan, former 5 president of the Illinois Central Railroad, making it a symbolic reminder of the railroad age 6 in America; prior to its purchase and development in 1914 by a group of Illinois Central 7 stock holders, the area known today as Harahan was a demonstration farm owned by 8 Southern University where prized livestock and experimental crops were raised; and 9 WHEREAS, in its earliest days, Harahan was a sparsely populated village of four 10 hundred people; by 1920, Harahan was home to roughly one thousand four hundred 11 residents, and newly elected Governor of Louisiana, John Parker, made incorporation of the 12 area his first order of business; and 13 WHEREAS, Governor Parker appointed Frank W. Mayo as the new municipality's 14 first mayor; Harahan's first city hall was built in 1928, and in 1961, the original city hall was 15 replaced with a new building; and 16 WHEREAS, the city has been a regular recipient of its district's "Cleanest City 17 Award", which is given by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, taking home the annual 18 honor from 1967 to 1973; in 1973 and 1976, Harahan won the statewide award for cleanest 19 city in the state; today, a beautification program is carried out by the Harahan Beautification 20 Committee, which is composed of six Harahan garden clubs; and

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1 WHEREAS, nestled in a significant bend in the Mississippi River, Harahan has 2 sometimes been threatened by high water, but having overcome that and other challenges, 3 it has become a residential community with great civic pride and one of Louisiana's special 4 places. 5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the centennial of the founding of the 7 city of Harahan; does hereby congratulate its citizens as they celebrate this significant 8 milestone; and does hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes that the city continues to enjoy 9 success and well being for many centuries to come. 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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