

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

A RESOLUTION

To commemorate the centennial of the founding of the city of Harahan and to congratulate its citizens as they celebrate this significant milestone.

WHEREAS, the city of Harahan was named after James T. Harahan, former president of the Illinois Central Railroad, making it a symbolic reminder of the railroad age in America; prior to its purchase and development in 1914 by a group of Illinois Central stock holders, the area known today as Harahan was a demonstration farm owned by Southern University where prized livestock and experimental crops were raised; and

WHEREAS, in its earliest days, Harahan was a sparsely populated village of four hundred people; by 1920, Harahan was home to roughly one thousand four hundred residents, and newly elected Governor of Louisiana, John Parker, made incorporation of the area his first order of business; and

WHEREAS, Governor Parker appointed Frank W. Mayo as the new municipality's first mayor; Harahan's first city hall was built in 1928, and in 1961, the original city hall was replaced with a new building; and

WHEREAS, the city has been a regular recipient of its district's "Cleanest City Award", which is given by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, taking home the annual honor from 1967 to 1973; in 1973 and 1976, Harahan won the statewide award for cleanest city in the state; today, a beautification program is carried out by the Harahan Beautification Committee, which is composed of six Harahan garden clubs; and

WHEREAS, nestled in a significant bend in the Mississippi River, Harahan has sometimes been threatened by high water, but having overcome that and other challenges,

it has become a residential community with great civic pride and one of Louisiana's special places.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the centennial of the founding of the city of Harahan; does hereby congratulate its citizens as they celebrate this significant milestone; and does hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes that the city continues to enjoy success and well being for many centuries to come.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES