

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHEAT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 19, 2021, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, April 19, 2021, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day at the state
3 capitol.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana strawberry is the official state fruit of Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2018, the state of Louisiana included forty-seven strawberry growers
6 on two hundred nineteen acres of land; and

7 WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival was organized in 1971, and the
8 first festival was held in April of 1972; and

9 WHEREAS, the first Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival was co-sponsored by the
10 Ponchatoula Jaycees and the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce, both of which provided
11 three members to serve on the festival board; and

12 WHEREAS, the intent of this committee was to host a festival that not only provided
13 an opportunity for local charitable organizations to raise money for their clubs, but also to
14 honor all of the hardworking local strawberry farmers and to promote their industry; and

15 WHEREAS, the committee and many other interested volunteers worked diligently
16 for months planning the first festival; and

17 WHEREAS, for fifty years, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival has provided a
18 venue for fundraising by nonprofit and charitable organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival attracts both young and old to its
20 annual celebration of Ponchatoula's legendary delicacy, and food booths feature popular
21 choices like strawberry shortcake and deep-fried strawberries; and

1 WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival celebrates its unique status as one
2 of the only festivals at which nonprofit organizations are the only vendors on the official
3 festival grounds.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 19, 2021, as Ponchatoula
6 Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana and does hereby recognize the wonderful
7 activities of this exceptional festival.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
9 to the chairman of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival, Shelley Matherne.

DIGEST

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