

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 187

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Neeb's Hardware Store on more than a century of business service to the
Gretna community.

WHEREAS, Neeb's Hardware Store was opened in 1917 by John E. Neeb, and John
Donewar began working at the store in 1934; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donewar left the store in 1941 during World War II to join the
United States Army; after the war, he returned to work at Neeb's; in 1957, Mr. Neeb retired
and sold the business to him with a condition that he not change the store's name for at least
three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donewar never changed the store's name and retired in 1978; he
sold the store to his son, Ken Donewar; Ken chose to keep the store's original name, despite
fifty-seven years having passed since the original agreement period ended; and

WHEREAS, ironically, Mr. Donewar has been called "Mr. Neeb" by many of his
customers over the course of his ownership; Neeb's Hardware Store has been an integral and
historical fixture in Gretna and its role in the city's history is worthy of recording for
posterity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Neeb's Hardware on more than a century of
business service to the Gretna community and does hereby note the historical significance
of this stalwart institution and the civic and economic contributions of its owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ken
Donewar.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES