

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHEAT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 11, 2023, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 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, for the 2022 production year, the state of Louisiana included forty-seven  
6 strawberry growers on one hundred ninety-nine acres of land; and

7 WHEREAS, the fifty-first annual Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival will be held  
8 April 14-16, 2023, at Memorial Park in historic and beautiful Ponchatoula; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, April 11, 2023, as Ponchatoula  
9 Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana and does hereby recognize the wonderful  
10 activities of this exceptional festival.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
12 chairman of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival.

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DIGEST

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