

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 178

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Day at the state capitol and to commend the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2024 Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival.

WHEREAS, the city of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, will hold its world famous Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival May 3-5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival began in 1960 as a spin-off of the Breaux Bridge Centennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Breaux Bridge was a natural choice for such a festival because the Legislature of Louisiana designated Breaux Bridge as the crawfish capital of the world in 1959, and the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival is now known around the country and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, every May, thousands of hungry people flock to Breaux Bridge to take part in the festivities; and

WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival has become one of the largest gatherings of world famous Cajun musicians, and over the three-day festival weekend, more than thirty musicians will play authentic Cajun, Zydeco, and Swamp pop music; and

WHEREAS, Cajun dance contests and Cajun music workshops are features of the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival, as well as crawfish races, a parade, a crawfish eating contest, and a crawfish étouffée cook-off; and

WHEREAS, a Breaux Bridge heritage tent is a showcase of the festival, along with a carnival midway and arts, crafts, and speciality items; and

WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival is a past recipient of the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Festival of the Year, Division II, and has received numerous awards in marketing; and

WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival has been named a top twenty event by the Southeast Tourism Society, and ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC, the Food Channel, PBS, and numerous filmmakers have made documentaries on the festival; and

WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival has been featured in publications such as *Southern Living*, *National Geographic*, *The New York Times*, and *Better Homes and Gardens* and the festival was named a top ten food festival by *USA Today*; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Legislature of Louisiana to designate Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Day at the state capitol.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Day at the state capitol and commends the organizers, volunteers, and royal court of the 2024 Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival for their pivotal role in bringing this wonderful festival to the citizens of the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES