

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana wineries for their ample contributions to the state's economy, agribusiness, alcohol education, integral three-tier system of regulation, and tourism.

WHEREAS, there are now eight wineries in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana wineries contribute to our state's tourism, through events, concerts, tasting room operations, festivals, farmers markets, and similar venues; and

WHEREAS, these wineries have contributed to and have supported the Louisiana movie, news, television, and advertising industries; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana wineries contribute to the collection of our state tax revenue through sales tax and excise tax collection; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana wineries also contribute to employment in our state through local agricultural and sales labor, wholesale distribution, and retail sales; and

WHEREAS, these wineries make every effort to support Louisiana agriculture by utilizing the finest Louisiana grown products; and

WHEREAS, these wineries are increasing the further development of viticulture in our state by bringing a new agricultural endeavor and enabling farmers to diversify with the hope of future growth opportunities due to recent developments in disease resistant wine grapes, which are currently being tested by Texas A&M and Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana wineries support and promote a mature and responsible consumption of alcohol through education involving social media, tours, and lectures at various events and nonprofit organizational meetings, contributing to a culture that is more self-regulated and moderate in alcohol consumption, which increases the overall health and well-being of the people of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, these wineries have led the way in preserving our unique Louisiana environment by producing their products in an ecologically and sound manner; and

WHEREAS, these wineries have been instrumental in raising not only awareness, but funds for many nonprofit organizations throughout the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, these wineries support the enjoyment and export of Louisiana culture by producing wine specifically designed to work in concert with and therefore highlight our extraordinary Louisiana cuisine.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana wineries for their ample contributions to the state's economy, agribusiness, alcohol education, integral three-tier system of regulation, and tourism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare the month of September as Louisiana Winery Month, in recognition of the aforementioned contributions by Louisiana wineries to the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE