

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize April 8, 2014, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the forty-third annual Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival will be held April 11 through 13, 2014, in Memorial Park in historic and beautiful Ponchatoula; and

WHEREAS, for over forty years, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival has been attracting both young and old to its annual celebration of Ponchatoula's legendary delicacy; and

WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival was organized in 1971 and started planning for the first festival to be held in April of 1972; and

WHEREAS, the first Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival was cosponsored by the Ponchatoula Jaycees and the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce, both of which provided three members to serve on the festival board; and

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

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

WHEREAS, for more than forty years, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival has provided a venue as the largest fundraiser for nonprofit and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival prides itself as being one of the only festivals in which nonprofit organizations are the only vendors on the official festival grounds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 8, 2014, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana,

and invites citizens of the state to participate in the festivities of the forty-third annual festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 2014 Chairman of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival, Amanda Hebert.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE