

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIERRY

A RESOLUTION

To designate the town of Grand Coteau, Louisiana, as the Sweet Dough Pie Capital of the state and to commend Grand Coteau for founding the town's annual Sweet Dough Pie Festival.

WHEREAS, the town of Grand Coteau is unique in rural Louisiana for being on the National Register of Historic Places, boasting of magnificent oak alleys, groves, and gardens, as well as numerous architecturally significant Creole, French, Acadian, Anglo-American, and Victorian houses, stores, and religious institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Coteau Cultural Foundation was founded in 2012 to promote awareness of Grand Coteau's unique culture, history, and spiritual foundation, and its members chose to designate a festival in celebration of such cultural uniqueness by spotlighting the locally popular delicacy, Sweet Dough Pie; and

WHEREAS, choosing as the nominal focus for recognition the sweet dough pie, which is unique as a theme among the many established small-town festivals celebrated throughout Louisiana, the Sweet Dough Pie Festival of Grand Coteau was first celebrated in 2012 and features tours of some of the town's many architectural treasures, presentations by guest speakers on its interesting history, local crafts and music, and of course, a sweet dough pie contest; and

WHEREAS, enjoyed by over 1,800 festival-goers in its inaugural year and over 2,500 in its second, and raising thousands of dollars awarded as grants to local organizations that enhance the quality of life and economic development of the beloved town, the festival will be held for the third time on October 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is the founders' hope that the Sweet Dough Pie Festival will give loving Louisianians and visitors to our convivial state yet another reason to pass a good time for many years to come.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the town of Grand Coteau, Louisiana, as the Sweet Dough Pie Capital of the state and does hereby commend the town for establishing the annual Sweet Dough Pie Festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Grand Coteau Cultural Foundation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES