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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 217

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Horseshoe Bossier City Casino upon the occasion of its twentieth anniversary and its sister property, Harrah's Louisiana Downs, upon the occasion of its fortieth anniversary

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend Horseshoe Bossier City Casino upon the occasion of its twentieth anniversary
3	and its sister property, Harrah's Louisiana Downs, upon the occasion of its fortieth
4	anniversary.
5	WHEREAS, built by Jack Binion, Horseshoe Bossier City Casino began operating
6	on July 9, 1994; and
7	WHEREAS, Horseshoe Bossier City Casino was the first Horseshoe property to be
8	built outside of Las Vegas; and
9	WHEREAS, Harrah's Louisiana Downs and Horseshoe were acquired by Harrah's
10	Entertainment in 2002 and 2004 respectively, and Harrah's became known as Caesar's
11	Entertainment in 2010; and
12	WHEREAS, along with its sister property, Louisiana Downs, Horseshoe is the third
13	largest employer in Bossier City, with nearly one thousand seven hundred employees; and
14	WHEREAS, Horseshoe is an entertainment hot spot in northwest Louisiana, known
15	for presenting shows from well-known talent such as Willie Nelson, Tony Bennett, Bill
16	Cosby, Loretta Lynn, and Wynonna; and
17	WHEREAS, Horseshoe is home to the newly built DARE Day Club Ultra pool,
18	which brings a hip new experience to northwest Louisiana; and
19	WHEREAS, in addition to providing entertainment for the region, Horseshoe is a
20	major supporter of charities and nonprofits in northwest Louisiana such as the Philadelphia

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2	to name a few; and
3	WHEREAS, Horseshoe employees donated more than seven thousand hours to local
4	organizations for the betterment of their community; and
5	WHEREAS, Louisiana Downs opened for business on October 30, 1974, making this
6	year the fortieth anniversary; and
7	WHEREAS, Louisiana Downs races both quarter horses and thoroughbred horses;
8	and
9	WHEREAS, in 1980, Louisiana Downs began the Super Derby, which runs every
10	September and has attracted Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont Stakes winners; and
11	WHEREAS, Louisiana Downs offers entertainment for the whole family including
12	unique events such as exotic animal racing and wiener dog races; and
13	WHEREAS, like Horseshoe, Louisiana Downs is a major supporter of many charities
14	and nonprofits in northwest Louisiana, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association and
15	Backside Benevolence Fund; and
16	WHEREAS, Louisiana Downs was used as the location for the filming of "Ruffian",
17	which was a film about the famed horse, Ruffian, who dominated racing in the early 1970s;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, Horseshoe Bossier City Casino and Harrah's Louisiana Downs are
20	enormous contributors to the health of the economy in the Shreveport-Bossier area and the
21	state of Louisiana; and
22	WHEREAS, in the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, riverboat casinos in Shreveport-Bossier
23	generated over one hundred forty million dollars in fees which were paid to the state, making
24	Shreveport-Bossier the most prolific provider of income to the state of Louisiana; and
25	WHEREAS, gaming revenue is a substantial part of the Louisiana economy,
26	generating over six hundred seventy-one million dollars in direct gaming revenue in the
27	Fiscal Year 2011-2012, more than half of which was generated from riverboat gaming; and
28	WHEREAS, the revenue generated from gaming operations fund various programs
29	in the state and is a primary source of funding for the Support Education in Louisiana Fund
30	(SELF); and

Center, the Caddo and Bossier Councils on Aging, and the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank,

1 WHEREAS, in addition to their enormous contributions to the economy of the state 2 of Louisiana, in 2012, Horseshoe alone paid over forty-three million dollars in payroll to one 3 thousand two hundred twenty-four employees, one thousand one hundred ninety-two of 4 whom were Louisiana residents, eight hundred three of whom were minorities, and six 5 hundred eighty-eight were female; and 6 WHEREAS, Horseshoe Bossier City Casino and Harrah's Louisiana Downs are an 7 exceptional source of entertainment to the people of Louisiana and make a profound 8 difference by giving back to the community; and 9 WHEREAS, Horseshoe and Louisiana Downs are prime contributors to the economy 10 of the state of Louisiana, bringing in an incredible amount of revenue for the betterment of 11 the state. 12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Horseshoe Bossier City 14 Casino upon its twentieth anniversary and its sister property, Harrah's Louisiana Downs, 15 upon its fortieth anniversary and does hereby acknowledge and show appreciation for their 16 significant contributions to Shreveport-Bossier, northwest Louisiana, and the state of Louisiana as a whole. 17 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 19 to Horseshoe Bossier City Casino and Harrah's Louisiana Downs.

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