

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

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
17 Louisiana as a whole.

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.

DIGEST

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