

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 178

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the city of Natchitoches on being the named the 2015 Best Southern Small Town by USA Today.

A RESOLUTION

To commend the city of Natchitoches on being named the 2015 Best Southern Small Town by *USA Today*.

WHEREAS, *USA Today* is a national newspaper distributed across all fifty states and is read by almost two million people annually; and

WHEREAS, this year, the editors convened a group of travel and lifestyle experts to select twenty cities throughout the South with a population of under twenty thousand and which best represents the atmosphere and culture of this historic region; and

WHEREAS, the list of nominees included Natchitoches, Louisiana; Abingdon, Virginia; Bardstown, Kentucky; Dahlonega, Georgia; Natchez, Mississippi; Eureka Springs, Arkansas; Beaufort, South Carolina; Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; Floyd, Virginia; and Fredericksburg, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Natchitoches was nominated largely because a trip there is like "stepping back in time, where the famed Southern hospitality remains a tradition and where life moves along at a more leisurely pace"; and

WHEREAS, the list of nominees were presented to readers of the newspaper who had the opportunity to vote on which town they thought best represented the ideal of the southern small town, and after eleven days and thousands of votes, Natchitoches, Louisiana,

1 was officially named the 2015 Best Southern Small Town; and

2 WHEREAS, a proud gem of the state and one of the nation's oldest cities,  
3 Natchitoches was founded in 1714 as part of French Louisiana and was named after the  
4 Natchitoches Indian Tribe; and

5 WHEREAS, the city boasts a population of eighteen thousand two hundred and  
6 seventy-five people, and during its long and storied history the town has served as an  
7 important trading and economic hub for north Louisiana, is home to a major university, and  
8 is a popular tourist destination for those wanting to experience the culture and heritage that  
9 the city is so celebrated for; and

10 WHEREAS, the city of Natchitoches and its proud citizens should be commended  
11 on being recognized for their efforts in preserving the Southern experience.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
13 does hereby commend and congratulate the city of Natchitoches, Louisiana, for being named  
14 the 2015 Best Southern Small Town by *USA Today*.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
16 mayor of the city of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

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