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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Shreve Memorial Library on being selected as "Most Impressive Library in the state of Louisiana".

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To commend the librarians, staff, and administrators of the Shreve Memorial Library upon receipt of the designation, "Most Impressive Library in the state of Louisiana" from 3 Reader's Digest. 4 5 WHEREAS, Reader's Digest names the most exceptional library in each state based on its unique characteristics, such as, outstanding architectural appointments and literary 6 7 collections, and notes the historical significance of the Shreveport downtown library to the 8 community; and 9 WHEREAS, the Shreve Memorial Library is the main branch of the Caddo Parish 10 Library system that includes twenty-one locations and since 1923, it houses the Selective 11 Federal Depository collection of specialized government documents, including the Federal 12 Register, Statistical Abstracts of the United States, Public Papers of the Presidents of the 13 United States, and census information; and 14 WHEREAS, the Shreve Memorial Library is the crown jewel in the library system with a rich aesthetic facade in the style of Italian Renaissance Revival with architectural 15 16 elements of limestone, Doric pilasters, balustered casement windows, terra cotta, and decorative cornice; and 17 WHEREAS, the present structure was erected in 1911 by architect James K. Taylor 18

1	as a federal building that contained the United States Post Office and the U.S. District Court;
2	in 1974, the site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places; and
3	WHEREAS, throughout history libraries have been centers of learning and have
4	represented the cumulative knowledge of a community; and the free circulation of books and
5	periodicals is essential to the promotion of literacy among its citizens; and
6	WHEREAS, in the digital age, libraries strive to be relevant, embrace new
7	technologies, and apply continuous innovations to attract and enable patrons; in the future,
8	libraries shall continue to improve its utility by providing greater convenience and more
9	personalized services to the public; and
10	WHEREAS, the Shreve Memorial Library offers accommodations for meeting
11	rooms, study space, technology and computer work stations, and a youth services center; and
12	WHEREAS, the Friends of Shreve Memorial Library hold an annual Spring book
13	sale in April and the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra regularly visits branches of the library
14	system to perform Sym-Phonics, a musical storytime for children; and
15	WHEREAS, the library also opens its facilities to host Town Hall meetings, poetry
16	readings, and youth reading programs; and
17	WHEREAS, in January 2017, the Rotary Club of Southwest Shreveport donated over
18	one thousand books to be used in "Every Child Ready to Read" workshops; and
19	WHEREAS, since the first library was organized in 1890, Shreve Memorial Library
20	remains an essential element in the future literacy, education, and human development of the
21	Shreveport community.
22	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23	commend the librarians, staff, and administrators of the Shreve Memorial Library upon
24	receipt of the designation, "Most Impressive Library in the state of Louisiana" from Reader's
25	Digest.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27	acknowledge the legacy of the Shreve Memorial Library and its importance to the literacy
28	and continued growth of the community.
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30	Josephine Babers Wade, president of Shreve Memorial Library Board of Control and

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1 Chris Kirkley, manager of the Shreve Memorial Library.

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

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Commends the Shreve Memorial Main Library upon receipt of the title, "Most Impressive Library in the state of Louisiana," awarded by Reader's Digest.