

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATORS GATTI, PEACOCK AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVE  
HORTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Bossier Parish and its citizenry and public officials on the celebration of its 175th anniversary.

WHEREAS, February 24, 1843, marked a memorable and historic occasion when Act No. 33 of the Louisiana Legislature was signed into law by Governor Alexandre Mouton; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 33 enabled the creation of a new parish named after the Bossier family, who had lived in Northwest Louisiana since the 1720s, with more than five generations active in local and governmental service; and

WHEREAS, General Pierre Evariste Jean Baptiste Bossier, who was born in Natchitoches in 1797, was a member of the Louisiana State Senate from 1833 to 1843 and served in the United States House of Representatives from March of 1843 until his death one year later; and

WHEREAS, the legend is that General Bossier delivered the petition to the legislature requesting a new parish, where it eventually was passed into law; and

WHEREAS, although General Bossier never lived within Bossier Parish, he had a love for the nature and animal life native to the area; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish was carved out of Claiborne Parish, formed in 1828 from Natchitoches Parish, which had been formed during the original creation of parishes following Louisiana's statehood of 1812 as a result of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish has a total of eight hundred sixty-seven square miles and is located on the east side of the Red River in Northwest Louisiana, bordered by the state of Arkansas, Red River Parish, and Webster Parish; and

WHEREAS, the population of Bossier Parish has increased from 6,962 residents in 1850 to 116,979 residents according to the latest federal decennial census in 2010; and

WHEREAS, latest population estimates show a trend of continued growth to over 130,000 residents, making Bossier Parish one of the fastest growing areas in the state; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish includes four municipalities: city of Bossier City, town of Benton, town of Haughton, and town of Plain Dealing; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish plays a vital role in the success of the Northwest Louisiana region, excelling in the fields of technology, education, entrepreneurship, manufacturing, gaming, transportation, and business; and

WHEREAS, over the past two centuries, Bossier Parish has thrived as a community with a deep sense of honor and patriotism and is especially proud to be the home of Barksdale Air Force Base, the Eighth Air Force and Air Force Global Strike Command; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Bossier Parish and to recognize its distinguished place in the history of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Bossier Parish and its citizenry and public officials on the celebration of its 175th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES