

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the city of Eunice as the Home of Clovis Crawfish.

WHEREAS, Clovis Crawfish is a widely beloved literary character created by the late author Mary Alice Fontenot, a native of Eunice, Louisiana; his name was inspired by Clovis Durio, the late police chief of Eunice; and

WHEREAS, Clovis Crawfish, first appearing nearly sixty years ago in *Clovis Crawfish and His Friends*, is featured in eighteen books, published in both English and French, that have been read and deeply enjoyed by generations of children in Louisiana and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a native of Eunice, Mrs. Fontenot taught kindergarten in the city and was appreciated by her students and their parents for her dedication to and heartfelt care of the children; she encouraged their love of reading and learning and instilled in them a love of stories and characters; and

WHEREAS, Clovis Crawfish holds a very special place in the annals of Louisiana history and particularly the history of Acadiana; many of the characters in the Clovis Crawfish books take their names from real Eunice citizens, and as Mrs. Fontenot explained, "Clovis Crawfish is my way of preserving the Acadian culture and the French culture"; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, in recognition of her contributions as the creator of the Clovis Crawfish books, Louisiana Public Broadcasting honored Mary Alice Fontenot as a "Louisiana Legend"; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Mary Alice Fontenot was inducted into the Order of Living Legends, sponsored by the Acadian Museum in Erath, and House Resolution No. 44 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature commended her for this honor; and

WHEREAS, Clovis Crawfish is a universally known and treasured literary character and brings great pride and distinction to the city of Eunice; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2018, the governing board of the city of Eunice adopted a resolution that formally requests designation by the Legislature of Louisiana of the city of Eunice as the Home of Clovis Crawfish; and

WHEREAS, the city of Eunice shall forever be the birthplace of Clovis Crawfish and therefore rightfully should be designated by the legislature as the Home of Clovis Crawfish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the city of Eunice as the Home of Clovis Crawfish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor of Eunice and the family of Mary Alice Fontenot.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE