

1 Fairgrounds Exhibit Building in West Monroe; in 1959, he and the band opened for Jerry
2 Lee Lewis; and

3 WHEREAS, Gene began playing regularly at Delta Village, a tourist attraction west
4 of Tallulah, Louisiana, in the early 1970s; he also made regular appearances on various
5 country shows and at Elks and Moose Lodges in different cities; and

6 WHEREAS, Gene made his first recording, "Rub It In", at Camaro Records in
7 Memphis, Tennessee; the song became a regional hit before Billy Crash Craddock's version
8 became nationally famous; he also recorded a variety of other songs including "It's Not
9 Much But It's Home", which is a song about his hometown of Rayville and was recorded by
10 Enchanted Records; in 1975, he wrote and recorded "Face of an Angel", which became the
11 most requested song at KRIH radio station in that year; and

12 WHEREAS, Gene began working at the United States Post Office in Rayville in
13 1961; he went on to serve there for forty-two years as a clerk/carrier, superintendent of
14 postal operations, and for his final sixteen years of service, as postmaster; he was a member
15 of the National League of Postmasters and National Association of Postmasters of the United
16 States; he was especially active in the National League of Postmasters, serving as state
17 membership chair and as a national membership committee member; and

18 WHEREAS, Gene also started a part-time career in real estate and after retiring from
19 the post office became a full-time broker and investor with his wife, D'Juana; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart has served his community in a variety of ways; he was a
21 member of the Kiwanis Club, serving as president from 1989 to 1990, and the Junior
22 Chamber of Commerce; he was also active in the Loyal Order of the Moose and Woodmen
23 of the World; he is currently a member of the Richland Parish Chamber of Commerce,
24 serves as a notary public, mentors young musicians, and is a faithful member of First Baptist
25 Church in Rayville; and

26 WHEREAS, Gene Stewart is most deserving of recognition for his many
27 accomplishments and his dedication to Rayville and Richland Parish.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
29 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Gene Stewart for his accomplishments and

1 does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors for
2 many years to come.

DIGEST

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