

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATORS GALLOT AND ADLEY AND REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN AND
JEFFERSON

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Recognizes May 17-18, 2013, as the annual Bonnie & Clyde Festival in Gibsland, Louisiana.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the annual Bonnie & Clyde Festival being held on May 17-18, 2013, in Gibsland, Louisiana, and its historical significance.

WHEREAS, on May 17 and May 18, 2013, Gibsland, Louisiana, will hold the 18th annual Bonnie & Clyde Festival, a yearly event held on the weekend closest to the May 23, 1934, anniversary date of the ambush of Bonnie & Clyde; and

WHEREAS, each year thousands come from all across the United States and Europe to remember the historical ambush of the infamous outlaws and enjoy fun festivities, great food, music, and authentic re-enactments; and

WHEREAS, the festival has been featured on a BBC historical program and the Gibsland/Bienville Parish area has been the subject of two documentary films that chronicled the history and events leading to the famous shootout; and

WHEREAS, the festival kicks off on Friday night with live entertainment and a dinner of authentic Louisiana jambalaya at the Gibsland Grill followed by the Lorraine Joyner Historical Meeting featuring guest speakers which include family members, historians and authors; and

WHEREAS, Saturday's festivities start off with a pancake breakfast at the Lion's Club and thereafter, the streets come to life with vendors, live entertainment, a parade and

1 action packed re-enactments, including a look-alike contest of Bonnie, Clyde and the officers
2 who ambushed them; and

3 WHEREAS, the festival features good food and refreshments along with two
4 fantastic museums to visit and bingo; and

5 WHEREAS, around 4:30 p.m. everyone drives out to the actual ambush site for an
6 authentic re-enactment of the fateful day when Bonnie & Clyde were gunned down; and

7 WHEREAS, this annual festival is not meant to glorify the life and crimes of Bonnie
8 & Clyde nor to celebrate their tragic death, but is an annual get together of family members,
9 historians and authors so they can share their interest in the history and the mystery; and

10 WHEREAS, the festival has special significance on the town of Gibsland, Bienville
11 Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby
13 recognizes the annual Bonnie & Clyde Festival being held on May 17-18, 2013, in Gibsland,
14 Louisiana, and its historical significance.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John
16 C. Cole of the Bonnie & Clyde Committee.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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