

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends New Iberia's Main Street upon receipt of a 2013 Louisiana Culture Award

1                                   A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Main Street of New Iberia, Louisiana, upon receipt of a 2013 Louisiana  
3 Culture Award.

4           WHEREAS, on April 23, 2013, Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne and  
5 the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's office of cultural  
6 development partnered with the Louisiana Arts Council, the Louisiana Trust for Historic  
7 Preservation, and the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana to present the  
8 2013 Louisiana Culture Awards; and

9           WHEREAS, the focus of the Louisiana Culture Awards program is to recognize  
10 organizations and individuals making outstanding contributions to Louisiana culture; and

11           WHEREAS, each year, the Historic Preservation and Archaeology category of the  
12 Louisiana Culture Awards presents a Main Street Communities Award to a Louisiana "Main  
13 Street" that exemplifies the strategic use of creativity, historic preservation, and culture to  
14 build a climate for cultural expression and to improve the quality of life of the surrounding  
15 community; and

16           WHEREAS, in order to be honored with a Main Street award, a "Main Street" must  
17 serve to enhance the existing assets of the surrounding community and to strengthen  
18 economic opportunity; and

19           WHEREAS, the Main Street of New Iberia, Louisiana, is a picturesque thoroughfare  
20 adorned with beautiful old buildings and antebellum homes; and

1           WHEREAS, the Main Street of New Iberia, Louisiana, bustles with the energy of  
2 thriving downtown shops, restaurants, businesses, and museums; and

3           WHEREAS, the city of New Iberia's achievements in downtown revitalization  
4 exemplify the Main Street approach; and

5           WHEREAS, private investors and community volunteers alike have worked side-by-  
6 side to create the Main Street that residents of New Iberia, Louisiana, enjoy today; and

7           WHEREAS, the award-winning, best-selling Louisiana author James Lee Burke has  
8 described New Iberia's Main Street as "one of the most beautiful main streets in the  
9 country"; and

10           WHEREAS, the Main Street of New Iberia was an excellent candidate to win the  
11 highly esteemed Main Street Award, presented by Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne at the  
12 2013 Louisiana Culture Awards ceremony.

13           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
14 commend and congratulate the Main Street of New Iberia, Louisiana, upon the recognition  
15 it has received by the lieutenant governor of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Culture,  
16 Recreation and Tourism's office of cultural development and several other local and state  
17 organizations for its vast and overarching cultural significance and economic impact on the  
18 city of New Iberia and the great state of Louisiana.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
20 to Honorable Mayor Hilda Daigre Curry of New Iberia, Louisiana.

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#### DIGEST

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