



1           WHEREAS, the Yellow Rail is an elusive denizen that resides in rice fields and only  
2 becomes visible when flushed by rice harvesters; and

3           WHEREAS, Thornwell, Louisiana, is an excellent birdwatching destination where  
4 some of Louisiana's most impressive bird aggregations can be found throughout different  
5 times of the year; and

6           WHEREAS, Thornwell, Louisiana, represents the epicenter of Yellow Rail  
7 distribution in the southwestern rice fields; it is truly the Yellow Rail Capital of the World  
8 in terms of high numbers of Yellow Rail birds and in presenting a reliable opportunity for  
9 residents of the state of Louisiana and visitors alike to see these elusive Yellow Rail birds;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, the coordinators of the festival and the nonprofit Avian Events Support  
12 Team desire that participants enjoy the event and learn more about birds, working wetlands,  
13 and the importance of rice grown in the United States.

14           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
15 designate the community of Thornwell in Jefferson Davis Parish as the Yellow Rail Capital  
16 of the World and hereby recognizes the sixth annual Yellow Rails and Rice Festival in the  
17 community of Thornwell.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
19 to the community of Thornwell, Louisiana, and the coordinators of the Yellow Rails and  
20 Rice Festival.

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#### DIGEST

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