

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: Recognizes the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle Cemetery and its grounds as a cultural landmark in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and request that the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle Cemetery and its grounds in
3 Jonesboro, Louisiana, be recognized as a Louisiana cultural landmark.

4 WHEREAS, James Houston "Jimmie" Davis was born in 1899 near Quitman in rural
5 Jackson Parish, Louisiana, and became a famous actor and country and gospel music singer
6 before embarking on a career in politics; and

7 WHEREAS, Jimmie Davis was a Shreveport public safety commissioner and a
8 Louisiana Public Service Commissioner before serving two terms as governor, from 1944
9 to 1948 and from 1960 to 1964; and

10 WHEREAS, his song "You Are My Sunshine" became one of the official state songs
11 of Louisiana and remains one of the most popular and recognizable songs in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, Governor Davis, one of the most well-liked governors in Louisiana
13 history, died in 2000 at a remarkable one hundred one years of age, and is interred at the
14 Jimmie Davis Tabernacle Cemetery in Jonesboro; and

15 WHEREAS, his grave at the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle Cemetery remains a popular
16 tourist attraction as a result of the profound historical, cultural and political impact Governor
17 Davis had on Louisiana and its citizens.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle Cemetery and
20 its grounds in Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, as a Louisiana cultural landmark.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the family of Jimmie Davis.

DIGEST

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