

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES