

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize April 14, 2015, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the forty-fourth annual Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival was held April 10 through 12, 2015, in Memorial Park in historic and beautiful Ponchatoula; and

WHEREAS, for over forty years, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival has been attracting both young and old to its annual celebration of Ponchatoula's legendary delicacy; and

WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival was organized in 1971, and the first festival was held in April of 1972; and

WHEREAS, the first Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival was cosponsored by the Ponchatoula Jaycees and the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce, both of which provided three members to serve on the festival board; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this committee was to host a festival that not only provided an opportunity for local charitable organizations to raise money for their clubs, but also to honor all of the hardworking local strawberry farmers and promote their industry; and

WHEREAS, the committee and many other interested volunteers worked diligently for months planning the first festival; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival has provided a large fundraising venue for nonprofit and charitable organizations because only nonprofit organizations are accepted as vendors on the official festival grounds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 14, 2015, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana and recognizes the wonderful festivities of this exceptional festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2015 Chairman of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival, Donald Lanier.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE