

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYER AND CHASSION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to seek a waiver for a gateway sign permit for a "Crawfish Expressway" sign in Breaux Bridge.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature declared Breaux Bridge the "Crawfish Capital of the World" in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Breaux Bridge is the home of the annual Crawfish Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival has become one of the largest gatherings of world-famous Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop musicians; and

WHEREAS, the Crawfish Festival is a popular attraction for families from near and far featuring Cajun cuisine, and of course, crawfish served in every possible way; and

WHEREAS, the Crawfish Festival also features crawfish races, Cajun and zydeco dance contests, a carnival midway, a crawfish cook-off, and a parade in honor of the Crawfish Queen; and

WHEREAS, a "Crawfish Expressway" sign would bring added notoriety and emphasis on the Crawfish Capital of the World; and

WHEREAS, interstate gateway sign permits are typically issued for cities with a population of ten thousand or more; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 federal decennial census shows the population of Breaux Bridge as seven thousand five hundred and thirteen; and

WHEREAS, while the population in Breaux Bridge does not meet the standard threshold for gateway sign permits the cultural significance of the local cuisine, particularly crawfish prepared to perfection, warrants an exception.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge an request the Department of Transportation and Development to seek a waiver from the Federal Highway Administration for Breaux Bridge to obtain a "Crawfish Expressway" sign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE