

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Main Street of New Iberia, Louisiana, upon receipt of a 2013 Louisiana Culture Award.

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2013, Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne and the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's office of cultural development partnered with the Louisiana Arts Council, the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana to present the 2013 Louisiana Culture Awards; and

WHEREAS, the focus of the Louisiana Culture Awards program is to recognize organizations and individuals making outstanding contributions to Louisiana culture; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Historic Preservation and Archaeology category of the Louisiana Culture Awards presents a Main Street Communities Award to a Louisiana "Main Street" that exemplifies the strategic use of creativity, historic preservation, and culture to build a climate for cultural expression and to improve the quality of life of the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, in order to be honored with a Main Street award, a "Main Street" must serve to enhance the existing assets of the surrounding community and to strengthen economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street of New Iberia, Louisiana, is a picturesque thoroughfare adorned with beautiful old buildings and antebellum homes; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street of New Iberia, Louisiana, bustles with the energy of thriving downtown shops, restaurants, businesses, and museums; and

WHEREAS, the city of New Iberia's achievements in downtown revitalization exemplify the Main Street approach; and

WHEREAS, private investors and community volunteers alike have worked side-by-side to create the Main Street that residents of New Iberia, Louisiana, enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, the award-winning, best-selling Louisiana author James Lee Burke has described New Iberia's Main Street as "one of the most beautiful main streets in the country"; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street of New Iberia was an excellent candidate to win the highly esteemed Main Street Award, presented by Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne at the 2013 Louisiana Culture Awards ceremony.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Main Street of New Iberia, Louisiana, upon the recognition it has received by the lieutenant governor of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's office of cultural development and several other local and state organizations for its vast and overarching cultural significance and economic impact on the city of New Iberia and the great state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Honorable Mayor Hilda Daigre Curry of New Iberia, Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE