

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 5, 2016, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the forty-fifth annual Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival will be held April 8 through 10, 2016, 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 to promote their industry; and

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

WHEREAS, for more than forty years, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival has provided a venue as the largest fundraiser for nonprofit and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival prides itself as being one of the only festivals in which nonprofit organizations are the only vendors on the official festival grounds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, April 5, 2016, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana and does hereby recognize the wonderful festivities of this exceptional festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 2016 Chairman of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival, David Atkins.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE