

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the organizers and volunteers of the 2019 Washington Parish Juneteenth Celebration.

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of Washington Parish is organizing an event in celebration of Juneteenth, to be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019, in Cassidy Park in Bogalusa; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an annual observance and celebration of the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed in Galveston, Texas, with the news that the war had ended and the enslaved were now free; and

WHEREAS, the day has been celebrated as the day African Americans received the news of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the slogan of this year's ceremony in Bogalusa is "Strength in our past, faith in our future"; and

WHEREAS, the festival will include a car show, a parade, live entertainment, and vendors; and

WHEREAS, special guests will be Tea J. Moore honoring Kelvin Carter and Oneal Moore; the commemoration will be in memory of Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr., M.D.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the Juneteenth celebration in Bogalusa sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of Washington Parish and does hereby commend all volunteers and organizers involved in bringing this stellar celebration to fruition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the organizers of the Washington Parish Juneteenth celebration.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES