

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATORS GALLOT AND ADLEY AND REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN AND JEFFERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the annual Bonnie & Clyde Festival being held on May 17-18, 2013, in Gibsland, Louisiana, and its historical significance.

WHEREAS, on May 17 and May 18, 2013, Gibsland, Louisiana, will hold the 18th annual Bonnie & Clyde Festival, a yearly event held on the weekend closest to the May 23, 1934, anniversary date of the ambush of Bonnie & Clyde; and

WHEREAS, each year thousands come from all across the United States and Europe to remember the historical ambush of the infamous outlaws and enjoy fun festivities, great food, music, and authentic re-enactments; and

WHEREAS, the festival has been featured on a BBC historical program and the Gibsland/Bienville Parish area has been the subject of two documentary films that chronicled the history and events leading to the famous shootout; and

WHEREAS, the festival kicks off on Friday night with live entertainment and a dinner of authentic Louisiana jambalaya at the Gibsland Grill followed by the Lorraine Joyner Historical Meeting featuring guest speakers which include family members, historians and authors; and

WHEREAS, Saturday's festivities start off with a pancake breakfast at the Lion's Club and thereafter, the streets come to life with vendors, live entertainment, a parade and action packed re-enactments, including a look-alike contest of Bonnie, Clyde and the officers who ambushed them; and

WHEREAS, the festival features good food and refreshments along with two fantastic museums to visit and bingo; and

WHEREAS, around 4:30 p.m. everyone drives out to the actual ambush site for an authentic re-enactment of the fateful day when Bonnie & Clyde were gunned down; and

WHEREAS, this annual festival is not meant to glorify the life and crimes of Bonnie & Clyde nor to celebrate their tragic death, but is an annual get together of family members, historians and authors so they can share their interest in the history and the mystery; and

WHEREAS, the festival has special significance on the town of Gibsland, Bienville Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby recognizes the annual Bonnie & Clyde Festival being held on May 17-18, 2013, in Gibsland, Louisiana, and its historical significance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John C. Cole of the Bonnie & Clyde Committee.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES