

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 170

BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Cal-Cam Fair on the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the Cal-Cam Fair's one hundredth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Cal-Cam Fair was founded in 1922 in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alvan LaFargue formed the original Cal-Cam Fair Board in 1924 and served as board president for many years, with his wife, Florestine Richard LaFargue, serving as the board secretary; and

WHEREAS, the fair has been held in several historic locations in the past century including its site of origin in Lake Charles and in locations throughout the city of Sulphur; and

WHEREAS, the fair spent more than sixty years at its location on Highway 27 and moved to its final home at the West-Cal Arena in 2014 on the Cal-Cam Fair's ninetieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the original bi-parish fair was designed for farmers with booths displaying crops, livestock, various farming implement exhibits, and local products such as jams, jellies, and clothing; and

WHEREAS, today, the Cal-Cam Fair is one the few fairs that invites the public to exhibit anything that can be canned, cooked, sewn, or created; and

WHEREAS, prizes are awarded in categories such as ceramics, photography, sewing, canning, cooking, crafts, floral arranging, and agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, students in the bi-parish area compete in poster and essay contests for cash prizes with winners advancing to the state competition held at the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals (LAFF); and

WHEREAS, the fair also offers scholarship opportunities through the livestock competitions in four divisions: swine, sheep, goat, and cattle; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Cal-Cam Queen also receives a scholarship at the end of her reign and is awarded a trip to the Queen of Queens pageant held at LAFF each year; and

WHEREAS, the fair is a cherished and time-honored tradition and its organizers are most deserving of the highest recognition for their achievements; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the service of the Cal-Cam Fair Board including long-term board members Margarite Johnson, Wilridge Doucet, Lillian Karr, and Bubba Domingue as well as long-term Cal-Cam Fair Board secretary Jan Nelson; and

WHEREAS, the Cal-Cam Fair is an integral part of the culture and history of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes and the entire state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Cal-Cam Fair on the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary and does hereby extend sincere wishes that the Cal-Cam Fair continue its annual festivities for generations to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Cal-Cam Fair Board.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE