BY SENATOR GUILLORY

A RESOLUTION

To commend the youth that proudly represent Louisiana in equine exhibitions within the state and across the country and to declare March 19, 2014, as Youth Equine Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognize and commend the many students that represent our state in equine exhibitions and competitions and to declare March 19, 2014, as Youth Equine Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the horse industry is an important component of the agricultural economy of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the buying and selling of horses, creation of jobs, expenditures on horses, and equestrian events have an estimated economic impact of 2.5 billion dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, youth from across the state have come together to bring awareness to the size and scope of this billion dollar industry; and

WHEREAS, the Senate encourages these youth to continue to achieve equine accolades and to proudly represent the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes the T.B. Porter family who has produced generations of equine competitors, and all participants of the Louisiana Hunter Jumper Association, North American Championship International Level, National Dressage Finals, Gulf Coast Hunter Jumper Association, Mississippi Hunter Jumper Association; and

WHEREAS, the Senate also recognizes participants in the World High School Rodeo Finals in Rock Springs, Wyoming; Junior High Division of Rodeo Finals in Gallop, New Mexico; International Youth Rodeo Finals in Shawanne, Oklahoma; National Little Britches Rodeo Finals in Pueblo, Colorado; College National Rodeo Finals in Casper, Wyoming; World Quarter Horse Show, Louisiana High School Rodeo Finals in Lake Charles, Louisiana, which had over 400 participants; and

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WHEREAS, the Senate also recognizes the participants in the United States Team Roping Championships in Kinder, Louisiana and Monroe, Louisiana; Dixie National Horse Show in Jackson, Mississippi; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston, Texas; 4-H Southern Regional in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, lastly the Senate also recognizes the McNeese Rodeo Team and Academy of the Sacred Heart Team.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the youth that proudly represent Louisiana in equine exhibitions within the state and across the country and hereby designate March 19, 2014, as Youth Equine Day at the Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Daniel Lyons.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE