

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Tuesday, April 11, 2017, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, April 11, 2017, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day in the state  
3 of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the forty-sixth annual Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival will be held  
5 April 7 through 9, 2017, at Memorial Park in historic and beautiful Ponchatoula; and

6 WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival was organized in 1971, and the  
7 first festival was held in April of 1972; and

8 WHEREAS, the first Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival was cosponsored by the  
9 Ponchatoula Jaycees and the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce, both of which provided  
10 three members to serve on the festival board; and

11 WHEREAS, the intent of this committee was to host a festival that not only provided  
12 an opportunity for local charitable organizations to raise money for their clubs, but also to  
13 honor all of the hardworking local strawberry farmers and to promote their industry; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival attracts both young and old to its  
19 annual celebration of Ponchatoula's legendary delicacy, and food booths annually feature  
20 popular choices like strawberry shortcake and deep-fried strawberries; and

1           WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival celebrates its unique status as one  
2 of the only festivals at which nonprofit organizations are the only vendors on the official  
3 festival grounds.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, April 11, 2017, as Ponchatoula  
6 Strawberry Festival Day in the state of Louisiana and does hereby recognize the wonderful  
7 activities of this exceptional festival.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
9 to the 2017 chairman of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival, Jimmy Schliegmeyer.

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DIGEST

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