

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVE CARTER

HISTORIC COMMEMORATION: Recognizes and commemorates the bicentennial of the incorporation of the city of Baton Rouge

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize and commemorate the bicentennial of Baton Rouge's incorporation as a city,  
3 and to encourage participation in the year-long Baton Rouge bicentennial  
4 celebration.

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commemorate the bicentennial of the incorporation  
6 of the city of Baton Rouge as the city's unique history and heritage are celebrated; and

7           WHEREAS, the city of Baton Rouge was incorporated two hundred years ago this  
8   year through legislation entitled "An Act to regulate the police and government of the town  
9   of Baton Rouge"; and

10 WHEREAS, this measure was approved on January 17, 1817, by Jacques Villeré,  
11 Louisiana's second governor, at a time when Acts of the Legislature were not numbered and  
12 were printed in both English and French; and

13 WHEREAS, since the time of the first European settlement in 1721 of the place that  
14 would become Baton Rouge, seven flags have flown over this city, including the *Fleur de*  
15 *Lys* of the French Bourbons, the crosses of England, the arms of Castile, the blue banner and  
16 white star of the West Florida Republic, the stars and stripes of the United States of America,  
17 the stars and bars of the Confederate States of America, and the banner of the sovereign state  
18 of Louisiana for a short period during the Civil War; and

19 WHEREAS, a committee formed under the administration of former mayor Melvin  
20 L. "Kip" Holden and composed of representatives from Baton Rouge businesses, nonprofit  
21 organizations, and institutions has worked diligently to promote the Baton Rouge

1   bicentennial brand and logo to the public, and to build the city's year-long bicentennial  
2   celebration as an ongoing grassroots effort led by citizens who call Baton Rouge home; and

3           WHEREAS, the celebration of the Baton Rouge bicentennial began under Mayor  
4   Holden and continues under the administration of Mayor Sharon Weston Broome; and

5           WHEREAS, the bicentennial's official kickoff event took place on December 31,  
6   2016, at Red Stick Revelry, Baton Rouge's annual New Year's Eve festival; and

7           WHEREAS, the year-long bicentennial celebration will culminate under Mayor  
8   Broome's leadership at Red Stick Revelry in 2017; and

9           WHEREAS, the bicentennial of Baton Rouge merits special recognition, for it  
10   celebrates the tremendous pride and honor that the city, with its rich history and distinctive  
11   culture, has brought to our state and to the United States for the past two centuries.

12          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
13   recognize and commemorate the bicentennial of Baton Rouge's incorporation as a city on  
14   January 17, 1817.

15          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all people within and outside of Louisiana's  
16   borders are hereby welcomed and encouraged to take part in the year-long Baton Rouge  
17   bicentennial celebration.

18          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
19   to the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge, to each  
20   member of the Metropolitan Council of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton  
21   Rouge, and to the president and chief executive officer of Visit Baton Rouge.

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