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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

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ventures; and

COMMENDATIONS. Commemorates the Bicentennial Anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Baton Rouge and encourages civic participation in its year-long celebration, BR200.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and its citizenry and

public officials on the Bicentennial celebration of municipal incorporation and to encourage civic participation in the year-long calendar of events known as BR200. WHEREAS, January 17, 2017, marks an historic occasion for the municipality as the two hundredth anniversary of the official proclamation declared by the Honorable Jacques Villere', Governor of Louisiana, in which the hamlets of Spanish Town, Aubert Town, Garcia's Bayou, and Beauregard Town were combined into a single plat that set the boundaries for the town of Baton Rouge; and WHEREAS, since European explorers such as Iberville and Bienville, first set foot on the fertile soil that would become Baton Rouge, the French wording for "red stick", the

city's future has been wrought by its wealth of natural resources, its strategic location along

the Mississippi River as a navigable gateway to trade, and its potential for commercial

miles with a population estimate for the metropolitan area that numbers over eight hundred thousand; and WHEREAS, the aesthetics of Baton Rouge are revealed in the hospitality of its people, its rich history, unique cultural heritage, traditions, historic buildings, beautiful landscapes, and delicious cuisine; and WHEREAS, formed in 2016, the Bicentennial Committee represents a broad base of organizations that came together to confect an effective plan to promote the city's attributes; and WHEREAS, the Bicentennial Committee created a "Red Stick" mascot, engaged in

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial Committee created a "Red Stick" mascot, engaged in social media platforms, and encouraged merchants to incorporate the BR 200th Anniversary logo into their own marketing schemes; and

WHEREAS, "BR200" is a calendar of activities planned for 2017; it is festooned with festivals, museum collections, music concerts, historic re-enactments, homecomings, displays of artifacts and significant documents; plus the creation of folk art and memorabilia rendered to denote this special event and to celebrate the history of the Capitol City; and

WHEREAS, David Norwood, local artist and award-winning cartoonist, has created a commemorate poster that captures the historic impact of the Mississippi River, Louisiana State University, Exxon-Mobil refinery, and architecture of the state capitol buildings; and WHEREAS, "200 Things To Do" is a bucket list of favorite local experiences to be savored and shared; the list includes enjoying everyday neighborhood adventures, partaking

in craft cuisine and libations from one-of-a-kind eateries, and visiting historic sites and hidden away places; and

WHEREAS, Baton Rouge is a treasure trove of art, music, festivals, and sports venues surrounded by the natural beauty and ecology of South Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the friendly citizenry of Baton Rouge strive to preserve and celebrate a way of life that has survived since its inception, and together contemplate a future filled with hope and prosperity for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial Anniversary of Baton Rouge merits extraordinary recognition, as it celebrates the unique contributions the city of Baton Rouge and its citizens have made to the betterment of the state of Louisiana and the world.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 2 commend the citizenry of the city of Baton Rouge on its two hundred years of incorporation. 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the successful efforts of the Honorable Sharon Weston Broome, mayor of Baton 4 Rouge, the membership of the Metro Council, and the Baton Rouge Bicentennial Committee 5 6 to commemorate this historic event. 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 8 recognize the singular and unique status that the capitol city of Baton Rouge holds within 9 the state of Louisiana and does hereby commend its citizens for their extraordinary contributions to the betterment of their state and for their joie de vivre. 10 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Sharon Weston Broome, mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge, Andre 12 Moreau, honorary co-chair of the Bicentennial Committee, and Paul Arrigo, president of 13 14 Visit Baton Rouge.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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