

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY SENATOR JOHNS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes May 11, 2019, as Southwest Kiwanians' Appreciation Day.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize May 11, 2019, as Southwest Louisiana Kiwanians' Appreciation Day and
3 commend the members of all nine Southwest Louisiana Kiwanis clubs for their one
4 hundred years of dedication to helping improve the world one child and one
5 community at a time.

6 WHEREAS, the positive impacts of Kiwanians in Southwest Louisiana over the last
7 century include but are not limited to local park enhancements, education and leadership
8 service projects, scholarship funding, infrastructure support, and health initiatives; and

9 WHEREAS, local parks have been enhanced through Kiwanis projects like the
10 donation of funds to help rebuild Drew Park in Lake Charles in 1921 to the planting of oak
11 trees in Zigler Park in Jennings as recently as 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, Kiwanis education and leadership service projects like Terrific Kids and
13 Bring up Grades (BUGS) have been active in local elementary schools for over twenty-five
14 years and Key Clubs were launched in local high schools as far back as the 1940s; and

15 WHEREAS, the McNeese State University Foundation, founded in 1965, received
16 its first donation from the Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles, and to date, multiple scholarships
17 continue to be supported by Southwest Louisiana Kiwanis Clubs; and

18 WHEREAS, historical infrastructure projects crucial to the current economic health

1 of Southwest Louisiana were promoted in the beginning by Kiwanians such as the
2 construction of the Calcasieu Ship Channel and the Cameron Highway and
3 Vinton-Sabine Link in the 1920s; and

4 WHEREAS, Kiwanis has partnered with the Children's Miracle Network of
5 CHRISTUS Ochsner Southwestern Louisiana Foundation since the 1980s and this year they
6 are launching the Kiwanis Family Fund to help families with children being treated at
7 CHRISTUS Ochsner Lake Area Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Labor & Delivery
8 and Kid's Team outpatient therapy program.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
10 does hereby recognize May 11, 2019, as Southwest Louisiana Kiwanians' Appreciation Day
11 and commend all the Kiwanians of the following Clubs for their dedication to service: Clubs
12 of Calcasieu, DeRidder, Jennings, Lake Charles, North Lake Charles, South Lake Charles,
13 Southwest Contraband, Sulphur, and West Cal.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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Recognizes May 11, 2019, as Southwest Louisiana Kiwanians' Appreciation Day and
commends all nine area Kiwanis clubs for their dedication to service.