

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY SENATOR JOHNS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, historical infrastructure projects crucial to the current economic health of Southwest Louisiana were promoted in the beginning by Kiwanians such as the construction of the Calcasieu Ship Channel and the Cameron Highway and Vinton-Sabine Link in the 1920s; and

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE