

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 134

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the organizers and volunteers of the Washington Parish Free Fair and the 2018 Fair Queen Claire Elise Ingram.

WHEREAS, today, based on attendance records, the Washington Parish Free Fair is believed to be the largest county or parish free fair in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Free Fair began in 1911 in a local livery stable, thus making it the second oldest parish fair in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Free Fair is a family fair that attracts people from all over the country who wish to enjoy the wholesome virtues, strong enthusiasm, spirit of cooperation, and genuine public-spiritedness that are exhibited by the participants of this historic festival; and

WHEREAS, people come to the fair to enjoy exhibits of cut flowers as well as homemaking and agricultural products, livestock, Old MacDonald's Farm, stage performances, the midway, the rodeo, and good food, in addition to many other attractions and events; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Washington Parish Free Fair includes the Mile Branch Settlement, which is an authentic historical pioneer village, where visitors are heartily welcomed by costumed hosts; and

WHEREAS, the Mile Branch Settlement gives visitors to the fair the opportunity to experience the life of a Louisiana pioneer in the 1880s; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Free Fair is organized, designed, and produced by hundreds of local volunteers who give freely of their time and talents and who thus merit a sincere gesture of gratitude; and

WHEREAS, Claire Elise Ingram, a young woman of many gifts and talents, reigns as the 2018 Fair Queen with great distinction and dedication.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the organizers and volunteers of the Washington Parish Free Fair and the 2018 Fair Queen Claire Elise Ingram, and does hereby recognize this extraordinary fair as an integral part of the culture and history of Washington Parish and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Washington Parish Free Fair.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES