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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 20, 2026, as Tangipahoa Parish Fair Day at the state capitol

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 20, 2026, as Tangipahoa Parish Fair Day at the state capitol, to recognize Tangipahoa Parish for its enduring legacy since 1888, and to commend the Tangipahoa Parish Fair for its historical, agricultural, and economic significance to the city of Amite.

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Fair was first held one hundred thirty-eight years ago on seventy-five acres in Amite; the fair is the oldest such event in Louisiana and was created to celebrate local agriculture, promote student involvement, and preserve parish culture; and

WHEREAS, the growth of the Tangipahoa Parish Fair is largely attributed to local families who pass traditions down to younger generations and preserve the importance of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Fair has evolved into a five-day celebration and fall tradition that attracts residents and visitors alike; it features a wide array of activities, including the display of hundreds of student 4-H entries, a children's livestock show, parish school booths, live musical entertainment, a cheerleading and dance competition showcasing local students, a children's school field trip day, a pioneer town, a carnival, a parade, vendor exhibits, and community gatherings; and

WHEREAS, a hallmark of the fair is its annual pageant, which has crowned a fair queen each year since 1951, and many local families proudly pass down participation in the royal court through multiple generations; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Miss Tangipahoa Parish Fair Queen, Maree Mackynzie Mannino, is honored to be this year's ambassador of the fair; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Grand Marshall, Kelly Wells, was selected for his love and dedication to the fair and to Tangipahoa Parish; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 royalty is made up of parish students Harper Thornton, Joleigh Thibodeaux, Karley Cavalier, Hayden Williams, and Molly Lott; they are honored to be dedicated representatives for the fair; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 President, Wendy Carrier, has demonstrated leadership and direction for a successful fair; and

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Fair serves as a celebration of the region's local culture and heritage, while honoring the families and traditions that helped shape the community; and

WHEREAS, the fair continues to play a significant role in fostering community pride, preserving local history, and promoting student involvement and economic activity in Tangipahoa Parish; and

WHEREAS, the one hundred thirty-eighth Tangipahoa Parish Fair will be celebrated September 30 through October 4, 2026, in Amite, Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 20, 2026, as Tangipahoa Parish Fair Day at the state capitol; does hereby commend the Tangipahoa Parish Fair for its historical, agricultural, and economic significance to the city of Amite; does hereby commemorate the one hundred thirty-eighth anniversary of the Tangipahoa Parish Fair; and does hereby recognize its distinction as the oldest fair in the state.

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