

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 22, 2013, as Plaquemines Parish Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish is home to more than twenty-three thousand residents and is the site of many historic events and serves an important role in the oil and trade industries; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish is the parish with the most combined land and water area in Louisiana and is located along the last seventy miles of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the parish became known as Plaquemines after the French name for their military post, "piakimin", which means persimmon, rightfully named because of the numerous persimmon trees near the post; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish was the first place in the United States where shippers used a container for cargo in foreign trade; and

WHEREAS, Fort Jackson is a major historical site in the parish, dating back to 1822 and built pursuant to recommendation from General Andrew Jackson; the fort was used during the Civil War and was used as a training base for troops during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Woodland Plantation, an antebellum mansion in Plaquemines Parish, serves as a bed and breakfast and is depicted on the label for Southern Comfort whiskey; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish has significant seafood and citrus industries and is the largest crude oil producing parish in Louisiana; the parish is also home to Plaquemines Port, one of the largest ports in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while the parish may be prone to flooding because of its location along the Mississippi River, its people are resilient and loyal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 22, 2013, as Plaquemines Parish Day in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Billy Nungesser, Plaquemines Parish President.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES