

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 23, 2014, as Acadiana Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize April 23, 2014, as Acadiana Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, Acadiana is the home of the Cajuns, the descendants of the Acadians,  
4 who settled along the bayous and prairies of southwest Louisiana after their expulsion from  
5 the colony of Acadie in present-day Nova Scotia in 1755; and

6 WHEREAS, Acadiana includes twenty-two parishes, and stretches from its western  
7 border of Lake Charles to its eastern border of Grand Isle, with its northern apex located  
8 around Pointe Coupee; and

9 WHEREAS, despite the frequent association of Cajuns with swamplands, Acadiana  
10 is geographically diverse, and consists of prairies, marshes, and wooded river or bayou  
11 lands; and

12 WHEREAS, Acadiana evinces a commitment to education, and boasts the presence  
13 of three universities: the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, McNeese State University,  
14 and Nicholls State University; and

15 WHEREAS, Acadiana is characterized by a diverse population that is nonetheless  
16 united by the incredibly rich musical, cultural, and culinary traditions of the Cajuns and  
17 Creoles; and

18 WHEREAS, Acadiana is renowned for wide-ranging and spicy cuisine and is  
19 populated by a tantalizing selection of restaurants which offer such Cajun and Creole  
20 delicacies as seafood gumbo, crawfish etouffe, and jambalaya; and

1           WHEREAS, Acadiana is famous for the Cajun and Zydeco music that is born out of  
2 the enduring spirit of Acadians and Creoles and is a place where fais do-dos invite listeners  
3 to two-step to the rhythms of accordians, fiddles, and 'tit fers; and

4           WHEREAS, in Acadiana, festivals are as much a part of daily life as good music and  
5 good food, with year-round festivals, including Mardi Gras, Festival International de  
6 Louisiane, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival, the "Le Cajun" Music Awards and Festival,  
7 the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Festival, Festivals Acadiens et Creoles, Best of the Bayou  
8 Festival, Louisiana Cotton Festival, Duck Festival, Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, and  
9 "A Cajun Christmas", a festival that extends throughout the holiday season; and

10          WHEREAS, in its cuisine, music, and culture, the people of Acadiana are  
11 characterized by a cheerful enjoyment of life, what the French call "joie de vivre", that is  
12 reflective of a unique heritage and culture that is hard to find anywhere this side of Europe;  
13 and

14          WHEREAS, Acadiana offers a multitude of attractions that mirror the pride Acadiana  
15 holds for its past, including majestic plantation homes, vibrant gardens, and exciting  
16 museums; and

17          WHEREAS, Cajun Country is a prime example of why Louisiana is called the  
18 "Sportsman's Paradise" and is a place where both freshwater and saltwater fishing, waterfowl  
19 hunting, and upland hunting areas are plentiful, from the vast swamp wilderness of the  
20 Atchafalaya Basin to the Gulf of Mexico; and

21          WHEREAS, in 1971, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana  
22 officially recognized Acadiana for its unique Cajun and Acadian heritage per House  
23 Concurrent Resolution No. 496.

24          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 23, 2014, as Acadiana Day at the state  
26 capitol to celebrate the cuisine, Grammy Award winning music, and culture of Cajun  
27 Country.

28          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
29 to the Acadian Delegation.

DIGEST

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