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AND GALLOT

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the tricentennial of Natchitoches and to encourage participation in tricentennial

3 observances and activities throughout 2014.

4 WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 300th anniversary of the founding of Natchitoches by

5 Louis Juchereau de St. Denis; and

6 WHEREAS, this memorable and historic anniversary is being marked by ceremony

7 and celebration; and

8 WHEREAS, Natchitoches is a city recognized for its rich history, unique cultural

9 traditions and heritage, historic buildings, beautiful landscapes, and delicious cuisine; and

10 WHEREAS, 300 years after its founding, Natchitoches remains a distinctive

11 destination, home to the Cane River National Heritage Area and the Cane River Creole

12 National Historical Park; and

13 WHEREAS, Natchitoches's unique cultural blend of French, Spanish, Indian,

14 African, and Creole traditions is still visible in the community today; and

15 WHEREAS, the Natchitoches Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and the

16 Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce continue to promote and market this 300 year-old

17 destination; and

18 WHEREAS, Natchitoches is designated as the official "Meat Pie Capital of

19 Louisiana", and is the home of an annual Christmas Festival; and

1 WHEREAS, Natchitoches's legacy is celebrated and preserved throughout the Cane
2 River region; and

3 WHEREAS, the city of Natchitoches serves as the tourism hub of a rural, agricultural
4 heritage area stretching thirty-five miles along the Cane River, and which includes more than
5 thirty sites that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and seven sites that
6 have been designated as National Historic Landmarks, including downtown Natchitoches
7 which, along with an adjacent neighborhood, comprises a National Historic Landmark
8 District; and

9 WHEREAS, Natchitoches has received national recognition and accolades as a
10 Preserve America Community, a Great American Main Street, and a Distinctive Destination;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the tricentennial of Natchitoches merits special recognition, as it
13 celebrates the unique contributions that Natchitoches has offered Louisiana for the past three
14 centuries.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 recognize the tricentennial of Natchitoches and does hereby commend the citizens of
17 Natchitoches, past and present, for their extraordinary contributions to the state of Louisiana
18 and the United States of America.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 encourage the citizens of Louisiana to participate in local tricentennial observances and
21 activities to mark this historic occasion throughout 2014.

DIGEST

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