

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY SENATOR CHABERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Christopher Everette Cenac Sr., MD, for his contribution to memorializing Louisiana history in his book *Livestock Brands and Marks*.

WHEREAS, the recently published book, *Livestock Brands and Marks*, by Dr. Cenac, an orthopedic surgeon, of Houma, Louisiana, in Terrebonne Parish, was chosen Book of the Year (2014) by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities; and

WHEREAS, the book provides a comprehensive account of cattle ranching as part of south Louisiana culture since the beginning of the European settlement known as Terrebonne Parish prior to 1822 through 1946; and

WHEREAS, the book is an unexpected bayou country history of pioneer families and documents the chronological setting of Terrebonne Parish from its inception; and

WHEREAS, three ledger books emerged from the office of the Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court, the Honorable J. Robert Boudreaux, that held an unprecedented set of original livestock brands and marks which often served as a family's calling card when they settled in Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, in response to significant increases in livestock theft from 1940 to 1945, which occurred as a result of food rationing and young men leaving the farms to serve in World War II, in 1944 the Louisiana Legislature created the Louisiana Livestock Brand Commission within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; and

WHEREAS, mandatory recording of brands and marks by each parish ceased in 1946 and were thereafter centralized in the Livestock Brand Commission; and

WHEREAS, *Livestock Brands and Marks* has significant historical importance for Louisiana and Terrebonne Parish as well as the livestock industry, the Livestock Brand Commission, and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana wishes to acknowledge the historical importance of the book, *Livestock Brands and Marks*, and to commend its native son and "gentleman of letters", Dr. Cenac, for his literary contributions to the state and its history as well as the history of Terrebonne Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend Christopher Everette Cenac Sr., MD, for his diligence, his research, and his contribution to the state and his parish's history through his book *Livestock Brands and Marks*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Christopher Everette Cenac Sr., MD, of Houma, Louisiana, in Terrebonne Parish.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES