

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 246

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

COMMENDATIONS: Recognizes the Tangipahoa Parish Fair as the oldest fair in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the Tangipahoa Parish Fair as the oldest fair in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, it was in 1888 that the citizens of Tangipahoa Parish organized the first
4 Tangipahoa Parish Fair in Amite, Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1908 a tornado destroyed the fair ground, it was relocated to
6 Hammond in 1910 and renamed; and

7 WHEREAS, while the fair was held in Hammond, it expanded its educational
8 umbrella as a center to teach children; each Friday was known as School Day allowing free
9 admittance to all students in the surrounding areas; special trains ran from McComb,
10 Mississippi, Loranger, St. Tammany Parish, Livingston Parish, and St. Helena Parish to
11 bring children to Eastside School in Hammond where they would march to the fairgrounds
12 with banners; each school was judged on its performance and appearance; and

13 WHEREAS, at that time, the fair featured exhibits such as auto racing and many
14 fairgoer's first peek at an airplane; and

15 WHEREAS, the fair is credited with promoting improvement of vegetation and
16 livestock; farmers and ranchers competed for the coveted title of "Best in Show"; and

17 WHEREAS, after the great depression, the fair relocated to Independence as an
18 outgrowth of their spring fair; interest was mainly local, and the fair relocated shortly
19 thereafter, returning to its original location in Amite; and

20 WHEREAS, in order to secure a location, local resident Joe Binder donated fifteen
21 acres, and buildings were erected under the supervision of the Veterans Administration; and

1 WHEREAS, in the 1950s, a grandstand and a pavilion were constructed with the
2 allocation of funds by the state legislature; a livestock arena and a baseball diamond were
3 also erected at the fair grounds; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1987, a new metal building was erected that now houses all school
5 exhibits and more modifications including the restoration of the original building have
6 begun; and

7 WHEREAS, with the changing interests, years, and locations of the fair, one thing
8 that will never change is the love for the Tangipahoa Parish Fair; and

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the Tangipahoa Parish Fair as the oldest fair
11 in the state, does hereby applaud the organizers and supporters for its success, and does
12 hereby recognize this extraordinary fair as an integral part of the culture and history of the
13 state of Louisiana.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented
15 to the Tangipahoa Parish Fair board members.

DIGEST

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