

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28

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, in 1888 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, and the fair was relocated  
6 to 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 it offered  
14 many fairgoers their first peek at an airplane; and

15 WHEREAS, the fair is credited with promoting improvements in vegetation and  
16 livestock; farmers and ranchers competed for the coveted title "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 to its original location in Amite; and

20 WHEREAS, in order to provide 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 funds  
2 allocated by the state legislature; a livestock arena and a baseball diamond were also erected  
3 at the fair grounds; and

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

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

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

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

HR 28 Original

2019 Regular Session

Pugh

Recognizes the Tangipahoa Parish Fair as the oldest fair in La.