

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

HONORARY DESIGNATIONS: Designates the city of Opelousas as the Horse Capital of Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate the city of Opelousas as the Horse Capital of Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has a long history of horse culture that is rooted  
4 in the city of Opelousas, where locals regularly engage in horse racing, breeding, and leisure  
5 activities; and

6 WHEREAS, Opelousas was home to the Chinawood Stock Farm, a horse farm and  
7 racetrack that operated from 1907 until 1909 on land that is now Evangeline Downs;  
8 Chinawood was known for breeding highly-regarded horse bloodlines, and many other states  
9 purchased horses from the farm; and

10 WHEREAS, The Academy of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau is a private Catholic  
11 girls' school that was founded in 1821 with a special dedication to local horsemanship; the  
12 school's Equestrian Center offers riding as part of the academic curriculum and recreational  
13 training and lessons; the school's Interscholastic Equestrian Association Team has produced  
14 numerous national champions including Opelousas-native, Mia Manzanares, a two-time  
15 women's all-around rodeo champion at College National Finals Rodeo; and

16 WHEREAS, horses are vitally important to the economy in Opelousas and St. Landry  
17 Parish, and they have strong bonds with the local way of life; many businesses and  
18 educational entities in the region focus entirely on the skills of riding, handling, and training  
19 horses.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the city of Opelousas as the Horse Capital

1 of Louisiana; does hereby further recognize the historic relationship between our country's  
2 equine industry and the city of Opelousas; and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to  
3 support the equine population and the equine industry across the state of Louisiana.

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