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Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY SENATOR ALLAIN AND REPRESENTATIVE JONES

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates No Hitchin' as Louisiana's Official Folklife Play.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend the dedicated efforts of the citizens of the city of Franklin and of St. Mary
3	Parish in creating No Hitchin' and to designate No Hitchin' as Louisiana's Official
4	Folklife Play.
5	WHEREAS, the No Hitchin' project was created by Techeland Arts Council, a
6	non-profit arts organization of local volunteers representing a cross-section of St. Mary
7	Parish, with the goal to integrate the artistic resources of the area into the public awareness
8	and provide a stimulus for economic development by highlighting the history and uniqueness
9	of the community; and
10	WHEREAS, No Hitchin' presented its premiere performance in March 2012 and its
11	second annual performance in April 2013, not only to citizens from St. Mary Parish, but also
12	from surrounding parishes, and even from nearby states; and
13	WHEREAS, this performance is of, by, and for the people of St. Mary Parish and
14	other parishes along the Bayou Teche and is based on the oral history of the region's diverse
15	peoples and will be presented by them; and
16	WHEREAS, No Hitchin' will celebrate shared heritage, proclaim a multicultural
17	identity, and probe issues of gender, age, class, and race; and
18	WHEREAS, No Hitchin' stands for a spirit of cooperation in the community and is

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named in reference to the raised wording on each historic cast iron lamppost along the
boulevard on Main Street in Franklin, Louisiana, which states "Do Not Hitch"; and
WHEREAS, this already successful project has given people tools of self-confidence,
provided role models, and has created a new community self-image; and
WHEREAS, No Hitchin' is contributing to the community's developing tourism
program and bringing new income into the area; and
WHEREAS, No Hitchin' is based on the idea that everybody has a story to tell and
the essence of the project is in giving of the gift of people's lives; and
WHEREAS, No Hitchin' will strengthen the community by making use of resources
that include heritage, stories, and the talents of its people to perform a variety of roles on
stage and off.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby
designates No Hitchin' as Louisiana's Official Folklife Play.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana
recognize and commend the dedicated efforts of the citizens of the city of Franklin and of
St. Mary Parish in creating this outstanding program.
The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.
DIGEST

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