

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the organizers and participants of the Louisiana Hayride revival.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the organizers and participants of the Louisiana Hayride revival being held on May 9, 2014, at the newly renovated Municipal Auditorium in Shreveport.

WHEREAS, on April 3, 1948, the Louisiana Hayride debuted as a weekly showcase of talented singers, songwriters, and performers; and

WHEREAS, Horace Lee Logan, once a radio host on Shreveport's KWKH-AM, was the original producer and emcee of the Louisiana Hayride; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Hayride became known as The Cradle of the Stars, because so many international stars began their careers on this program including Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, and Johnny Horton; and

WHEREAS, most notably, Elvis Presley began his career on the Louisiana Hayride stage with his debut performance on October 16, 1954; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Hayride, for a time, was nationally broadcast on CBS radio and became a staple of Armed Forces Radio programming; and

WHEREAS, Horace Logan continued to produce the show until 1957; and

WHEREAS, after serving as a launching pad for many great musicians and singers, the Louisiana Hayride ended its primary run on August 27, 1960; and

1 WHEREAS, in August 2009, the Louisiana Hayride was inducted into the Louisiana
2 Music Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, the Municipal Auditorium is located just west of downtown Shreveport
4 and is considered one of the city's most treasured landmarks; and

5 WHEREAS, the auditorium was built in the 1920s and was dedicated to the Soldiers
6 of the Great War on Veteran's Day in 1929; and

7 WHEREAS, because of its elaborate detail, the Municipal Auditorium has been
8 coined the finest example of Art Deco construction in the state of Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, the Municipal Auditorium was recently renovated and will host the
10 remarkable revival of the Louisiana Hayride on May 9, 2014; and

11 WHEREAS, this evening of local legendary music will feature an amazing tribute,
12 "Hits of the Hayride", which will consist of the radio program's top songs performed by the
13 Louisiana Hayride Band; and

14 WHEREAS the Louisiana Hayride Band features Maggie Warwick, Kenny Bill
15 Stinson, Brad Davis, Bill Boles, Brady Blade, David Egan, Buddy Flett, Robin Vosbury, Ben
16 Franks, Terry Lynn Falcone, Airheart, Lynn Ourso, John Howe, Ted Jones, Tom Colquitt,
17 and Denny Fintaine; and

18 WHEREAS, the revival will also showcase Shreveport singing talents, Cole Vosbury,
19 Dez Duron, and Willie Jones, who all have had national exposure on the popular television
20 talent shows, The Voice and The X Factor; and

21 WHEREAS, the show is billed as "Unity in the Commuality" and is a nonprofit
22 event reflecting a partnership between the Louisiana Hayride Foundation, Community
23 Renewal International, and Pet Savers.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the organizers and participants of the
26 Louisiana Hayride revival being held on May 9, 2014, at the newly renovated Municipal
27 Auditorium in Shreveport.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
29 of Louisiana does hereby recognize this extraordinary event as an integral part of the culture
30 and history of Shreveport and the state of Louisiana.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to Maggie Warwick.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES