

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the village of Reeves on its 100th anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the village of Reeves on its one hundredth anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and congratulate the village of Reeves
4 located in the southwestern corner of Allen parish upon the historic occasion of its one
5 hundredth anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, farmers and mill workers from Alabama, Florida, Mississippi,
7 Arkansas, and the Carolinas began settling the area in the 1860's; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1911, the village of Reeves was officially incorporated and was a
9 thriving community with both saw and grist mills, a grocery store, and a post office as well
10 as five hotels or boarding houses, an outdoor screen for silent picture shows, an outdoor
11 stage for plays, and even a women's hat shop; and

12 WHEREAS, it is general consensus that the village was named after Mr. Dallas H.
13 Reeves, Sr. who operated a grist mill on Clear Creek where the railroad crossed the creek;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the logging industry has always been a primary industry in Allen parish;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, it became common practice for loggers to cut logs and drag them to the
18 edge of local creeks so that during the May floods, the logs could be floated to Reeves for

1 milling; and

2 WHEREAS, timber companies routinely hired log riders to chain the excess or
3 overflow logs together and using poles for balance, ride them down the Calcasieu River from
4 Reeves to the larger saw mill in Lake Charles; and

5 WHEREAS, today just over two hundred and thirty Louisianians call Reeves home
6 and most of the economic activity generates from rice farming, cattle, wool, and oil; and

7 WHEREAS, Reeves has become noted for its bluegrass and gospel music as well as
8 available hunting area, fruit and vegetable market, and the Reeves City Park; and

9 WHEREAS, it is the people of Reeves' sense of pride, pioneering spirit and
10 perseverance that will be celebrated and honored for their village's one hundredth
11 anniversary.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby commend and congratulate the village of Reeves upon the historic occasion of
14 its one hundredth anniversary.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
16 mayor of the village of Reeves.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

DIGEST

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