

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE