Introduced June 22, 2004, by Councilwoman Livaudais, seconded by Councilwoman Burkhalter

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A resolution recognizing the Slidell Heritage Festival on the occasion of its seventh anniversary and commending the Slidell Northshore Rotary, the Rotary Club of Slidell, and the Slidell Heritage Foundation for bringing the Slidell Heritage Festival to the City of Slidell.

WHEREAS, the Slidell Heritage Festival was established in 1998, by the Slidell Northshore Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Slidell; and

WHEREAS, the Slidell Heritage Festival is a premier Louisiana cultural event that highlights music and arts, preserves our heritage and customs, entertains families, and attracts tourists to our City; and

WHEREAS, with an estimated annual attendance of over ten thousand persons a day, the festival has raised over one hundred fifty thousand dollars that is donated to local Slidell charities and causes; and

WHEREAS, these funds have been used to support Boy Scouts, Rainbow Childcare, K-Bar-B, East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity, St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Toys for Tots, Safe Harbor, Slidell Boys and Girls Club, Family Services of Slidell, Slidell Art League, and other Slidell area charities and causes; and

WHEREAS, this event affords local artists and craftsmen an opportunity to display their talents, and allows our citizens an opportunity to partake of the food, art, music and entertainment which is part of our heritage, culture and tradition; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from the Slidell North Shore Rotary, the Rotary Club of Slidell, and the Slidell Heritage Foundation work tirelessly to provide this festival and

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help contribute to the spirit of community on the North Shore and generate the important revenue to underwrite the cost of these important functions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby commend the Slidell Northshore Rotary, the Rotary Club of Slidell, and the Slidell Heritage Foundation for bringing the Slidell Heritage Festival to the City of Slidell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council invites everyone to attend this premier Louisiana cultural event which is comprised of food booths, arts and craft booths, a children's entertainment area, live musical entertainment, Fourth of July fireworks display, vintage car show, and countless artisans, craftsmen and other vendors, to be held in Olde Towne Slidell over the July Fourth weekend, 2004.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June, 2004.

Elsie Burkhalter

President of the Council Councilwoman, District A

Shawn B. McManus Clerk of the Council