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INTRODUCED BY: ALBERT D. LAQUE, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM)

RESOLUTION NO. 5475

A resolution to officially designate the area on River Road between Destrehan Plantation and Bustard's Cove at Van's Lane in New Sarpy as the "Mile of History."

- WHEREAS, the 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee of St. Charles Borromeo in 1973 designated the area on the East Bank of St. Charles Parish between L'Anse Aux Outardes (Bustard's Cove) at Van's Lane in New Sarpy and Destrehan Manor House as the "Mile of History"; and,
- WHEREAS, to this day symbols remain there as relics of our rich heritage of the Eighteenth Century; and,
- WHEREAS, in 1719 and 1722, immigrants from Germany, Switzerland and Alsace Lorraine settled this area as colonists with land grants and concessions provided by John Law's Company of the Indies; and,
- WHEREAS, one of the Articles of the Company's Charter provided for the building of churches and designating priests of the Catholic faith to serve the spiritual ministry among the inhabitants; and,
- WHEREAS, in these circumstances 267 years ago (in 1740), the ecclesiastical Parish of St. Charles Borromeo, the "Little Red Church", began its history and service to the original settlers and their descendants; and,
- WHEREAS, St. Charles Borromeo cemetery was established at the same time and is recognized as the South's oldest German cemetery; and,
- WHEREAS, L'Anse Aux Outardes (Bustard's Cove) in New Sarpy was settled by the Germans and French in 1722; and,
- WHEREAS, Bienville, Iberville and Tonti all met at this spot in 1699 where the Mississippi River's tributary was a direct route to Lake Pontchartrain; and,
- WHEREAS, Antoine Robert de Logny purchased 20 arpents in 1782 and in 1787 constructed his house which would later be acquired by his son-in-law Jean Noel Destrehan; and,
- WHEREAS, in 1802, Jean Noel Destrehan and de Logny's daughter Celeste purchased the house and they and their 14 children's descendants occupied the house until 1914 at which time it was acquired by Mexican Petroleum Company; and,
- WHEREAS, the town of Destrehan was named for Jean Noel Destrehan and he and his family are buried in the Church cemetery where several tombs remain bearing the Destrehan Family name; and,
- WHEREAS, Ormond Plantation was built about 1790 by Pierre Trepagnier on a Spanish land grant from Louisiana's Spanish Governor Bernardo Galvez, in appreciation for Trepagnier's military service against British intrusion; and,
- WHEREAS, Bustard's Cove, St. Charles Borromeo Church and Cemetery, Destrehan Plantation and Ormond Plantation all stand *sentinel-like* protecting the rich history of St. Charles Parish; and,
- WHEREAS, these historical landmarks and this stretch of River Road in St. Charles Parish deserve special recognition and designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL do hereby recognize and officially designate the area of River Road (LA 48) from Destrehan Plantation to Bustard's Cove at Van's Lane in New Sarpy as St. Charles Parish's "Mile of History."

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MARINO, FAUCHEUX, HILAIRE, FABRE, RAMCHANDRAN, WALLS, BLACK, MINNICH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DUHE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 1st day of October, 2007, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: [Signature]
 SECRETARY: [Signature]
 DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: October 2, 2007
 APPROVED: [Signature] DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Albert D. Laque
 RETD/SECRETARY: October 2, 2007
 AT: 2:25 pm RECD BY: [Signature]