

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend the bicentennial anniversary of the Louisiana Civil Code's enactment and its enduring legacy in shaping the legal foundation of the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the bicentennial of the Louisiana Civil Code of 1825, a pivotal document in the state's history and legal tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Civil Code is the foundation of this state's legal system and embodies the principles of justice, equity, and civil law derived from French, Spanish, and Roman influences; and

WHEREAS, in 1822, the Louisiana General Assembly appointed esteemed legal scholars, including Louis Moreau-Lislet, Edward Livingston, and Pierre Derbigny to revise the 1808 Digest of the Civil Laws, which lead to the enactment of the Louisiana Civil Code of 1825; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Civil Code has played a critical role in expanding and preserving individual rights and providing a structured legal framework that continues to serve the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society is sponsoring a series of educational events across the state to celebrate and commemorate this historic milestone, with a closing gala scheduled on June 20, 2025, at the National World War II Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Civil Code remains one of the most important civil codes of the nineteenth century and continues to influence the development of civil law traditions, both in Louisiana and internationally; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and commend this significant bicentennial anniversary, as well as the contributions of the legal scholars and institutions that have preserved and upheld the legacy of the Louisiana Civil Code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend the bicentennial of the Louisiana Civil Code, honor its lasting contributions to Louisiana's legal heritage, and recognize the role of the Louisiana Civil Code in continuously guiding the administration of justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The Steering Committee for the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the 1825 Louisiana Civil Code.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES