

2025 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY SENATOR STINE

COMMENDATIONS. To commend Peggy Feehan, Executive Director of CODOFIL on being awarded the Order of Academic Palms by the French Republic.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Peggy Feehan, Executive Director of CODOFIL on being awarded the Order of Academic Palms by the French Republic.

WHEREAS, Peggy Feehan has dedicated her career to the advancement of French language education, the preservation of Francophone heritage, and the promotion of cultural exchange in Louisiana and beyond; and

WHEREAS, she has served with distinction as the Executive Director of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), where she has championed programs that support French immersion education and international partnerships; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, CODOFIL has strengthened its relationships with global Francophone institutions and expanded opportunities for Louisiana students and educators to engage with the wider Francophone world; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Feehan was recently awarded the "Order of Academic Palms" by the French Republic, one of the highest honors in education and culture, recognizing her outstanding contributions to the promotion of the French language and cultural diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, the "Order of Academic Palms" is one of the oldest civil honors in France, originally established by Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte in 1808 to recognize

1 individuals for their distinguished contributions to education, science, and culture; and

2 WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is rarely bestowed upon individuals outside of
3 France, making each international recipient a notable ambassador of knowledge, language,
4 and cultural exchange; and

5 WHEREAS, this distinguished recognition places her among an elite group of leaders
6 committed to educational excellence and cultural preservation; and

7 WHEREAS, Peggy was joined by her French speaking family, friends, and
8 colleagues in celebration of this distinguished achievement, marking a significant moment
9 of pride not only for her personally but for all who champion the cause of Francophonie in
10 Louisiana and globally; and

11 WHEREAS, Peggy's relentless work has significantly enhanced Louisiana's
12 international profile as a center of Francophone identity and learning, earning her the
13 admiration of colleagues, educators, and cultural advocates alike; and

14 WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper that a special measure of commendation be
15 extended to Peggy Feehan in recognition of her remarkable accomplishments, steadfast
16 commitment, and enduring contributions to French language education in Louisiana, across
17 the United States, and throughout the world.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 commend and recognize Peggy Feehan for her exemplary service, leadership, and lifelong
20 dedication to Louisiana's Francophone community and the cause of global education and
21 cultural exchange.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that her achievements serve as a model of public
23 service, educational innovation, and cultural stewardship, and that her continued efforts be
24 supported and celebrated throughout the state and beyond.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Peggy Feehan.

1 RÉSOLUTION CONJOINTE

2 Pour féliciter et reconnaître Peggy Feehan, Directrice exécutive du CODOFIL, pour avoir
3 reçu l'Ordre des Palmes académiques de la République française.

4 ATTENDU QUE, Peggy Feehan a consacré sa carrière à l'avancement de
5 l'enseignement de la langue française, à la préservation du patrimoine francophone et à la
6 promotion des échanges culturels en Louisiane et au-delà; et

7 ATTENDU QUE, elle a servi avec distinction en tant que Directrice exécutive du
8 Conseil pour le développement du français en Louisiane (CODOFIL), où elle a défendu des
9 programmes soutenant l'immersion française et les partenariats internationaux; et

10 ATTENDU QUE, sous sa direction, le CODOFIL a renforcé ses relations avec les
11 institutions francophones mondiales et a élargi les opportunités offertes aux étudiants et
12 éducateurs louisianais de s'engager avec le monde francophone; et

13 ATTENDU QUE, Peggy Feehan a récemment reçu l'Ordre des Palmes académiques
14 de la République française, l'une des plus hautes distinctions dans les domaines de
15 l'éducation et de la culture, en reconnaissance de ses contributions remarquables à la
16 promotion de la langue française et de la diplomatie culturelle; et

17 ATTENDU QUE, l'Ordre des Palmes académiques est l'une des plus anciennes
18 distinctions civiles en France, instituée par l'Empereur Napoléon Bonaparte en 1808 pour
19 récompenser les contributions distinguées à l'éducation, à la science et à la culture; et

20 ATTENDU QUE, cette distinction prestigieuse est rarement décernée à des
21 personnes hors de France, ce qui fait de chaque récipiendaire international un ambassadeur
22 notable du savoir, de la langue et des échanges culturels; et

23 ATTENDU QUE, cette reconnaissance distingue Peggy Feehan parmi un groupe
24 d'élite de leaders engagés dans l'excellence éducative et la préservation culturelle; et

25 ATTENDU QUE, Peggy a célébré cette distinction en compagnie de sa famille
26 francophone, de ses amis et collègues, marquant un moment important de fierté non
27 seulement pour elle personnellement, mais aussi pour tous ceux qui défendent la cause de
28 la Francophonie en Louisiane et dans le monde; et

29 ATTENDU QUE, le travail inlassable de Peggy a considérablement renforcé le profil
30 international de la Louisiane en tant que centre d'identité et d'apprentissage francophones,

