

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Intercessors for America for their Spiritual Heritage Project and to acknowledge Almighty God as the Author of liberty on the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of these United States of America.

WHEREAS, we acknowledge Almighty God as Sovereign over the nations and the Author of Liberty, and we bow before Him in thanks as a state on this two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of these United States of America; and

WHEREAS, with hearts full of gratitude, we thank Almighty God for the blessings that He has bestowed upon the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, with reverence, we acknowledge Almighty God and His providence that has guided us through trials and triumphs as a state and a nation; and

WHEREAS, with humility, we confess the times that we have strayed from His ways; and

WHEREAS, two and a half centuries ago, our founders, in the heat of the American Revolution and the hope of a transformation, declared, "All men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..."; and

WHEREAS, our founders looked to Almighty God as the source of true liberty and, in doing so, laid the cornerstone of a nation that would become a beacon of freedom to the world; and

WHEREAS, Almighty God has poured out blessings upon our state and nation with abundant natural resources, vast and varied landscapes, and a people endowed with ingenuity and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution the founders framed is undergirded by moral conviction and spiritual awareness and unleashed the greatest experiment in self-government the world

has ever known; and

WHEREAS, from the fields of Gettysburg to the beaches of Normandy, from the bridge in Selma, Alabama to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Almighty God has been our refuge and strength and our source of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, O Lord, we acknowledge that we have not always walked in Your ways; and

WHEREAS, we have often trusted in our wisdom, pursued idols of power and prosperity, and turned a blind eye to injustice; and

WHEREAS, the sins of pride, division, and indifference have stained our state and national conscience; and

WHEREAS, on this historic day, we rededicate this nation to Almighty God, the one true God and we do so, not in presumption, but in repentance; and

WHEREAS, we plead for the mercy purchased by the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and ask that You would renew our hearts and restore our land; and

WHEREAS, we beseech the Spirit of God Almighty to move across our state and nation, from the busy halls of Congress to the quiet corners of rural towns, from the peaks of the Rocky Mountains to the shores of the Atlantic and the Pacific; may the truth of the goodness of Almighty God be proclaimed, His justice upheld, and His grace embraced; and

WHEREAS, we ask Almighty God to raise up a generation of heroes like those of the Bible, such as Daniel, Esther, and Elijah, who were men and women of courage, conviction, and compassion, and may the heroes of our generation stand firm in the face of compromise and speak truth in love; and

WHEREAS, let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; and

WHEREAS, we ask Almighty God to awaken dry bones, revive weary hearts, and make us, once again, a people after Your own heart; and

WHEREAS, we entrust this state and nation to Almighty God, as did our founders who acknowledged you as the Creator of all; and

WHEREAS, we ask that America and the state of Louisiana be blessed as we walk in the ways, goodness, and mercy of Almighty God.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Intercessors for America for their Spiritual Heritage Project and to acknowledge Almighty God as the Author of Liberty on the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of these United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Intercessors for America.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE