

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE COX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile on its one hundred and fiftieth year of continuous business operations in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile was founded in 1863 by Prussian immigrants Harris and Adolph Kaffie and its first store was located on the corner of Trudeau and Front streets; and

WHEREAS, in 1892, the present building on Front Street was erected and the business has operated from this location ever since; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, the Kaffies hired eighteen year old Titus Frederick as a drayman, who by 1936 had worked his way up to become the vice president of the company and the general manager, and by 1956 he was named a partner and part owner of the business; and

WHEREAS, two generations of Fredericks followed Titus in the management of the family business, and helped to maintain its status as a Natchitoches institution; and

WHEREAS, during its successful history, Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile has always served as a comprehensive general store serving the needs of the people in the Natchitoches area and has survived periods of great challenges, including the American Civil War, World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II; and

WHEREAS, the third generation of the Frederick family has devoted itself to preserving the historic nature of the building, having barely changed the structure since a 1932 remodeling job, and visitors are always greeted with helpful hospitality; and

WHEREAS, as Natchitoches celebrates its three hundred year anniversary, it is proud to include Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile as part of its rich and storied history.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile on its one hundred and fiftieth year of continuous business operations in downtown Natchitoches, for its place as a historic institution in the city of Natchitoches, and for the many years of service it provided to countless customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES