

1 WHEREAS, Acadiana is famous for the Cajun and Zydeco music that is born out of
2 the enduring spirit of Acadians and Creoles and is a place where fais do-dos invite listeners
3 to two-step to the rhythms of accordions, fiddles, and 'tit fers; and

4 WHEREAS, in Acadiana, festivals are as much a part of daily life as good music and
5 good food, with year-round festivals, including Mardi Gras, Festival International de
6 Louisiane, the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival, the "Le Cajun" Music Awards and Festival,
7 the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Festival, Festivals Acadiens et Creoles, Best of the Bayou
8 Festival, Louisiana Cotton Festival, Duck Festival, Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, and
9 "A Cajun Christmas", a festival that extends throughout the holiday season; and

10 WHEREAS, in its cuisine, music, and culture, the people of Acadiana are
11 characterized by a cheerful enjoyment of life, what the French call "joie de vivre", that is
12 reflective of a unique heritage and culture that is hard to find anywhere this side of Europe;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Acadiana offers a multitude of attractions that mirror the pride Acadiana
15 holds for its past, including majestic plantation homes, vibrant gardens, and exciting
16 museums; and

17 WHEREAS, Cajun Country is a prime example of why Louisiana is called the
18 "Sportsman's Paradise" and is a place where both freshwater and saltwater fishing, waterfowl
19 hunting, and upland hunting areas are plentiful, from the vast swamp wilderness of the
20 Atchafalaya Basin to the Gulf of Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1971, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 officially recognized Acadiana for its unique Cajun and Acadian heritage per House
23 Concurrent Resolution No. 496.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, April 14, 2016, as Acadiana Day
26 at the state capitol to celebrate the cuisine, Grammy Award winning music, and culture of
27 Cajun Country.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
29 to the Acadian Delegation.

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