

1 WHEREAS, the relationship between the United States and Canada is unique and a
2 model for the world, with our two countries bound by a vibrant history of democratic
3 governance, economic and defense partnerships, and cultural ties; and

4 WHEREAS, Canada is the United States' largest export market with two-way trade
5 in goods and services between the nations totaling in excess of \$635 billion in 2016, or more
6 than \$1.7 billion every day; and

7 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States work together through programs such as
8 the International Border Enforcement Teams to secure a 5,500 mile border over which
9 400,000 people cross each day; and

10 WHEREAS, Canada and Louisiana also share rich historical, cultural, and family
11 ties, stretching back to the time when pre-historic peoples in northeastern Louisiana traded
12 with their counterparts as far north as Canada; and

13 WHEREAS, Acadians in Canada and in Louisiana share family ties that span
14 centuries and are celebrated annually; and

15 WHEREAS, the connections between New France in Canada and Louisiana are part
16 of the lore of Europeans' discovery of North America; and

17 WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana and the people of Canada look forward to many
18 more years of cooperation, friendship, trade, investment, tourism, and good will.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 commend and congratulate the people of Canada on their 150th Anniversary of
21 Confederation and on the Consulate General of Canada's 50th anniversary of diplomatic
22 representation to Louisiana.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 Consul General of Canada, Mrs. Sara Wilshaw, as an expression of high regard by the
25 Legislature of Louisiana for Canada, its people, and our friendship.

