2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Thursday, May 18, 2017, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To designate May 18, 2017, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol.
3	WHEREAS, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL)
4	was created in 1968 to oversee the development and expansion of the state's economic
5	development and tourism activities designed to promote Louisiana's native francophone
6	culture, heritage, and language; and
7	WHEREAS, the Louisiana brand is greatly enhanced by its Louisiana French and
8	Creole culture, heritage, and languages; and
9	WHEREAS, the efforts to sustain this brand and assure its vibrancy for future
10	economic growth are predicated on a robust bilingual educational system and continued
11	relations with Louisiana's international partners, France, Belgium, and Quebec; and
12	WHEREAS, CODOFIL has had a long-standing relationship with Quebec, and
13	recently the Louisiana state legislature and the Quebec Parliament entered into a bilateral
14	agreement with the mission to "establish a forum to enhance dialogue and reinforce the
15	bonds of friendship between the parties"; and
16	WHEREAS, this agreement resulted in the creation of a Louisiana-Quebec
17	Cooperation Conference, which is authorized to propose "initiatives or measures to develop
18	a policy of cooperation, within the limits of the parties' respective jurisdictions"; and
19	WHEREAS, the first such conference was held in Baton Rouge in 2016 and the
20	second conference will be held in Quebec in 2017, where dialogue will focus on cooperative

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1 endeavors of mutual interest, such as tourism, education, energy, economic development, 2 and cultural affairs; and 3 WHEREAS, Louisiana currently educates four thousand five hundred students in 4 French immersion programs, thus developing a bilingual workforce; and 5 WHEREAS, CODIFIL's challenge is to build the infrastructure that will support 6 economic activity between this growing workforce and the province of Quebec, a leader in 7 21st century international innovation and a key economic driver of our North American 8 francophone family; and 9 WHEREAS, CODOFIL, as Louisiana's state agency for francophone affairs, 10 continues to nurture and grow international partnerships similar to the one with Quebec, and 11 these partnerships result in economic growth for Louisiana well beyond the cultural 12 economy. 13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 14 designate May 18, 2017, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol and, together with the 15 fortunate citizens of this state, does hereby recognize the manifold contributions CODOFIL 16 makes to the cultural and economic growth of the great state of Louisiana. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles Larroque, executive director of CODOFIL; Lieutenant Governor William "Billy" 18 19 Nungesser; and William Arceneaux, president of CODOFIL.

DIGEST

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