

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends John Oswald Colson on his 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend John Oswald Colson upon his 2019 induction into the Louisiana Folklife
3 Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.

4 WHEREAS, established in 1976, the Louisiana Folklife Center is a research facility
5 that serves as an archival repository of eight hundred artist and subject files, one thousand
6 five hundred audio recordings, one hundred videotapes, a growing print library of books and
7 periodicals, and five thousand photographs; these resources have been used by CBS Evening
8 News, Turner Broadcasting Company, and Louisiana Public Broadcasting and other
9 individuals, groups, and agencies; its faculty also coordinates the Natchitoches-Northwestern
10 State University Folklife Festival; and

11 WHEREAS, an agency of Northwestern State University, the Center's mission is to
12 identify, document, and present Louisiana's rich history of folklore and folklife; and

13 WHEREAS, deeply rooted in Louisiana's folklife is its inimitable cuisine, and John
14 Oswald Colson is a purveyor of the roux upon which much of the state's deliciously edible
15 and choice cuisine is based; he is a consummate *filé* maker, having acquired the skill from
16 his mother and the generations before her; for more than sixty years, John has continued the
17 tradition of the Colson family to provide *filé* for the Cane River community; he also is a tour
18 guide and an oral historian; and

19 WHEREAS, John Colson participates annually in the Natchitoches-Northwestern
20 State University Folklife Festival and contributes to projects and events for the Cane River
21 Creole National Historical Park, the Cane River National Heritage Area, Northwestern State

1 University's Creole Heritage Center, the National Center for Preservation Technology and
2 Training, the St. Augustine Society of Isle Brevelle, the Experience Louisiana Festival in
3 Eunice, Creole Culture Day at Vermilionville, the Sassafras Festival in Texas, and summer
4 workshops at the Tunica-Biloxi Museum in Marksville; and

5 WHEREAS, in October 2018, Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser officially
6 recognized John Oswald Colton as a Louisiana Tradition Bearer; his expertise in the
7 preparation of *filé* seasoning, his vast knowledge of Cane River, and his ability to relate the
8 histories of his hometown community have simmered together in John to produce a cultural
9 and historical human gumbo with the distinct flavor of Louisiana; John Oswald Colson
10 merits a special measure of commendation upon his 2019 induction into the Louisiana
11 Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John Oswald Colson upon his 2019
14 induction into the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists; does hereby
15 congratulate him on his sterling ambassadorship of Louisiana's culture and history and the
16 preservation of a staple of its cuisine; and does hereby extend to him every good wish for
17 continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
19 to John Oswald Colson.

DIGEST

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