

1 WHEREAS, forty-six states and the District of Columbia have designated Juneteenth
2 Independence Day as a special day of observance in recognition of the emancipation of all
3 slaves in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1997, the 105th United States Congress officially recognized
5 Juneteenth as the observance of Independence Day of Americans of African descent; and

6 WHEREAS, Juneteenth reflects our belief in liberty and equality for every citizen,
7 as everyone can benefit from a greater understanding and appreciation of the experiences of
8 others.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to recognize
11 the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day to the United States and observe
12 Juneteenth nationally as a holiday.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
15 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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