

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS AND SENATOR PRICE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the members of the GU272 Descendants Association upon their family reunion on June 9, 2018.

WHEREAS, the GU272 Descendants Association is dedicated to preserving the memory, commemorating the lives, and restoring the honor of the two hundred seventy-two enslaved people sold by the Jesuit priests of Georgetown University to Louisiana plantations in 1838; and

WHEREAS, June of 2018 marks the one hundred eightieth anniversary of the sale and transport of enslaved children, women, and men from Maryland to Ascension, Iberville, and Terrebonne parishes; and

WHEREAS, members of the GU272 Descendants Association, some of whom have only recently learned of their ties to this history, are having a family reunion in June of 2018 in collaboration with *Finding Your Roots*, a PBS television series; and

WHEREAS, family reunions are special times for reuniting with family, introducing younger generations to their heritage and history, and building lifelong relationships; the purpose of this family reunion is to bring together descendants of these ancestors to celebrate the reuniting of what slavery tore apart; and

WHEREAS, at this family reunion, descendants are celebrating with parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and cousins; creating more memories; sharing stories about their legacy and their dreams for the future; and renewing the ties that forever bind them together; and

WHEREAS, the descendants take great pride in their ancestral origin and are taking the opportunity not only to commune in fellowship but to collectively update their family

trees, enjoy Louisiana cuisine, and reconnect with family members coming to Iberville Parish from all around the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the descendants have built great Louisiana families whose members have been beloved members of Louisiana communities and made vital contributions to society over nearly two centuries; and

WHEREAS, at this special event, those gathering are recognizing the strides their ancestors made against all odds, forging a path forward toward healing, and celebrating the unwavering unity that this family has demonstrated for generations; and

WHEREAS, through the hard times of history, it has been love, strength, and their unbreakable family connection that have helped the two hundred seventy-two ancestors and their descendants not only survive but thrive; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable individuals assembling for this unforgettable occasion merit a heartfelt measure of commendation for the tremendous honor that they bring to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members of the GU272 Descendants Association upon the memorable and historic occasion of their family reunion in June of 2018; does hereby express sincere appreciation to these wonderful individuals for their outstanding achievements and singular contributions; and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success and happiness as the members of this extraordinary family convene to celebrate their unique spirit of family love, unity, and pride.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the board of directors of the GU272 Descendants Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE