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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BROADWATER, BROSSETT, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOVE, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, GIROD JACKSON, KATRINA JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, JONES, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MACK, MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, PEARSON, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, THOMPSON, WHITNEY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT

HISTORIC COMMEMORATION: Recognizes the bicentennial of Louisiana's statehood

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the bicentennial of Louisiana's statehood and to encourage participation in  
3 local and statewide bicentennial observances and activities.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commemorate the bicentennial of the statehood of  
5 Louisiana as the state's unique history and heritage are recognized and celebrated; and

6 WHEREAS, 2012 marks the two hundredth anniversary of Louisiana's attainment  
7 of statehood upon its admission by congress as the eighteenth state in the union on April 30,  
8 1812; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout the state, this memorable and historic anniversary is being  
10 marked by ceremony and celebration as well as scholarship and education; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1811, President James Madison signed the bill allowing the people  
12 of Louisiana to form a state constitution, and following the state constitutional convention  
13 in New Orleans, where forty-three American and Creole leaders convened, President

1 Madison signed the bill approving statehood on April 14, 1812, designating April 30, 1812,  
2 as the day of formal admission; and

3 WHEREAS, Louisiana was the first state to have a majority Catholic French- and  
4 Spanish-speaking population, reflecting its origins as a colony under France from 1699-1763  
5 and Spain from 1763-1803; and

6 WHEREAS, two hundred years after statehood, Louisiana remains one of the most  
7 distinctive states in the union; and

8 WHEREAS, the bicentennial of Louisiana merits special recognition, for it celebrates  
9 the tremendous pride and honor that the state has brought to the nation for the past two  
10 centuries with its uniquely rich history and culture.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12 recognize the bicentennial of the statehood of Louisiana, does hereby commend the citizens  
13 of Louisiana, past and present, for their extraordinary contributions to the Pelican State, and  
14 does hereby record the singular place that the state of Louisiana holds in the history and  
15 future of the United States of America.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby encourage  
17 participation in local and statewide bicentennial observances and activities.

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#### DIGEST

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Recognizes the bicentennial of the statehood of La. and encourages participation in bicentennial observances and activities.