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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, GEYMAN, 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 AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE