

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL AND SENATOR CORTEZ

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 19, 2021, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, or CODOFIL, was created in 1968 to oversee the development and expansion of the state's economic development and tourism activities designed to promote Louisiana's native francophone culture, heritage, and language; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana brand is greatly enhanced by its French and Creole culture, heritage, and languages; and

WHEREAS, to sustain this brand and promote future economic growth, Louisiana should maintain a robust bilingual system and should continue to cultivate relationships with its international partners, a list that includes France, Belgium, Quebec, and New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is currently educating over five thousand five hundred students in French immersion programs, and in so doing, is facilitating the development of a bilingual workforce; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is the first state in the union to be accepted into the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie*, which is an organization of eighty-eight French countries from around the world representing 300 million French speakers; and

WHEREAS, as Louisiana's state agency for francophone affairs, CODOFIL continues to nurture and grow international partnerships, and these partnerships result in economic growth for the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 19, 2021, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana for its manifold contributions to the culture and economy of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Peggy Feehan, executive director of CODOFIL; Lieutenant Governor William "Billy" Nungesser; and Burnell Lemoine, president of the CODOFIL board.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE