Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

## BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

# COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of La. for its many contributions to the state of La.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana for its many contributions to the state of
3	Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana is a federally recognized Indian
5	tribe with which the state of Louisiana has enjoyed a productive, amicable, and mutually
6	beneficial relationship; and
7	WHEREAS, since time immemorial, the ancestors of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of
8	Louisiana have been residents of the territory now known as the state of Louisiana; and
9	WHEREAS, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana currently resides on a reservation
10	located in Avoyelles Parish that was assigned to the tribe by the King of Spain in 1778; and
11	WHEREAS, members of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe fought alongside and were allies
12	with Don Bernardo de Galvez, Spanish governor of Louisiana, in a victory over British
13	military forces in the Battle of Baton Rouge on September 21, 1779, the only battle of the
14	American Revolution fought outside the territory of the original thirteen colonies; and
15	WHEREAS, the arts and crafts of members of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
16	have greatly enriched the artistic, cultural, and spiritual life of the state of Louisiana; and
17	WHEREAS, the state and the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana were co-parties in
18	the litigation known as the "Tunica Treasure Case", which resulted in the recovery of the
19	largest discovery of archaeological artifacts ever found in the United States, and ultimately
20	the items were deposited in a museum located on the Tunica-Biloxi Reservation to be
21	enjoyed by visitors from all over the world; and

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1	WHEREAS, the economic development projects of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe have
2	helped rejuvenate central Louisiana, bringing jobs and prosperity to citizens and residents
3	of the state and resulting in marked economic progress throughout Louisiana; and
4	WHEREAS, Paragon Casino and Resort, operated by the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe, is a
5	vital business partner in the community of central Louisiana; and
6	WHEREAS, the political leadership shown by the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
7	has consistently exhibited great honor, integrity, foresight, honesty, and solicitude for its
8	people, constituting a major force for progress in the state and providing a role model for the
9	members of the tribe and other Louisiana citizens; and
10	WHEREAS, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana has cooperated and worked with
11	the state of Louisiana, the parish of Avoyelles, and the municipalities surrounding its
12	reservation to the benefit of all and to the exclusion of wasteful conflict and strife; and
13	WHEREAS, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana merits a sincere and heartfelt
14	measure of commendation.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana for its
17	many contributions to the state and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the
18	tremendous pride and honor that the tribe brings to Avoyelles Parish and the state of
19	Louisiana.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21	to the Honorable Marshall Pierite, chairman of the Tribal Council of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe
22	of Louisiana.

## DIGEST

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