

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR THOMPSON AND REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the people of Canada on their nation's 150th Anniversary of Confederation and on the Consulate General of Canada's 50th anniversary of diplomatic representation to Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Canada was founded in 1867, making this year the 150th Anniversary of Confederation and commemorating a century and a half in which the peoples of the United States and Canada have stood together as friends, neighbors, trading partners, and allies; and

WHEREAS, 2017 is also the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Consulate General of Canada to advance diplomatic relations with the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the results of the advanced diplomatic relations are clearly evidenced by Canada becoming Louisiana's third largest trade customer and Canada and Louisiana sharing a \$4.2 billion trade in goods last year resulting in nearly 96,000 Louisiana jobs being supported by trade and investment from Canada, and last year over 206,000 Canadians visited Louisiana spending \$178 million; and

WHEREAS, the energy sectors of Louisiana and Canada cooperate in providing the secure and reliable energy that drives North American economic competitiveness on the world stage; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between the United States and Canada is unique and a model for the world, with our two countries bound by a vibrant history of democratic governance, economic and defense partnerships, and cultural ties; and

WHEREAS, Canada is the United States' largest export market with two-way trade in goods and services between the nations totaling in excess of \$635 billion in 2016, or more than \$1.7 billion every day; and

WHEREAS, Canada and the United States work together through programs such as the International Border Enforcement Teams to secure a 5,500 mile border over which 400,000 people cross each day; and

WHEREAS, Canada and Louisiana also share rich historical, cultural, and family ties stretching back to the time when prehistoric peoples in northeastern Louisiana traded with their counterparts as far north as Canada; and

WHEREAS, Acadians in Canada and in Louisiana share family ties that span centuries and are celebrated annually; and

WHEREAS, the connections between New France in Canada and Louisiana are part of the lore of Europeans' discovery of North America; and

WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana and the people of Canada look forward to many more years of cooperation, friendship, trade, investment, tourism, and good will.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the people of Canada on their 150th Anniversary of Confederation and on the Consulate General of Canada's 50th anniversary of diplomatic representation to Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Consul General of Canada, Mrs. Sara Wilshaw, as an expression of high regard by the Legislature of Louisiana for Canada, its people, and our friendship.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES