

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVES CARMODY AND SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Caddo Lodge No. 179 of Free and Accepted Masons of Shreveport, Louisiana, upon the occasion of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of its charter.

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2017, state and district masonic officers, honored guests, and the membership of Caddo Lodge No. 179 of the First District of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the state of Louisiana shall celebrate the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of its organization; and

WHEREAS, original charter members, M. Baer, T. W. H. Cummings, Ed Eberstadt, J. P. Gilmore, R. D. Gill, J. W. Jones, Harry S. Lewis, R. H. Lindsey, J. G. McWilliams, Samuel W. Morrison, E. C. Toms, William Robson, William Thatcher, Samuel Wells, and J. G. Randall, faithfully upheld the tenets of Freemasonry that include friendship, morality, brotherly love, relief, and truth; and

WHEREAS, the dispensation notice to form Caddo Lodge (Under Dispensation) was issued on May 2, 1866; and

WHEREAS, the dispensation was approved on February 11, 1867, by the Grand Lodge of the state of Louisiana at its Fifty-fifth Annual Communication Meeting held in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the masonic charter was then granted by the Grand Lodge to validate the establishment of Caddo Lodge No. 179 and was dated February 15, 1867; and

WHEREAS, at that time, John W. Jones served as its first Worshipful Master and he consistently promoted the beliefs of Freemasonry that include the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, the Immortality of the Soul, and the Adherence to Faith; and

WHEREAS, Freemasonry is woven into the rich history of the state of Louisiana and the United States of America and its founding fathers, and the legacy of masonic temples can be traced back, farther still, to its origins in sixteenth century Europe; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 officers elected to serve Caddo Lodge No. 179 are Worshipful Master, Stewart Knighten; Senior Warden, David Scallan; Junior Warden, Al Simms; Treasurer, Larry Hawkins; Secretary, John Sharlow; Senior Deacon, Michael Knighten; Junior Deacon, Frank Simms; Chaplain, John Tombrello; Master of Ceremonies, Pat Houston, PM; Marshal, Howard F. Entwistle, PM; Senior Steward, Elbert Allen Kelly; Junior Steward, Vince Ogrinc; and Tyler, Garland Smith; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Lodge No. 179 remains steadfast in its continued support of local community service projects and outstanding masonic projects for special education services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Caddo Lodge No. 179 of Free and Accepted Masons of Shreveport, Louisiana, on the occasion of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary and does hereby commend the lodge for its furtherance of Freemasonry principles of brotherhood and fellowship in the Shreveport community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Stewart Knighten, Worshipful Master of Caddo Lodge No. 179.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES