

1 WHEREAS, in 1995, the Apalachee Indians incorporated themselves into the
2 Talimali Band of the Apalachee Indians of Louisiana, a legal corporation formed under the
3 laws of the state of Louisiana; and

4 WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
5 provides procedures for establishing that an Indian group exists as a federally recognized
6 Indian tribe; and

7 WHEREAS, recognition by the United States Department of the Interior entitles a
8 tribe to immunities and privileges available to other federally recognized Indian tribes by
9 virtue of their government-to-government relationship with the United States and provides
10 for the responsibilities, powers, limitations, and obligations of such tribes; and

11 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana supports the tribal aspirations of Indian tribes
12 within its borders and seeks to preserve their cultural heritage, to improve their economic
13 condition, and to assist them in the achievement of their just rights.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 formally recognize the Talimali Band of the Apalachee Indians of Louisiana as an Indian
16 tribe of the state.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes,
18 requests, and urges the Congress of the United States and the United States Bureau of Indian
19 Affairs to take such steps as are necessary to effect formal recognition of the Apalachee
20 Indians Talimali Band, thereby acknowledging that the rights of the Apalachee Indians
21 Talimali Band are no less than those of other Indian tribes in the United States.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
23 to the governor of the state of Louisiana, the presiding officers of the Senate and House of
24 Representatives of the Congress of the United States, the assistant secretary of the Bureau
25 of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior, each member of the
26 Louisiana congressional delegation, and the leadership of the Apalachee Indians Talimali
27 Band.

DIGEST

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