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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the government of the United Kingdom to continue its commitment to the foundational principles of individual liberties as enshrined in the Magna Carta and other historic British documents and to encourage the preservation of its heritage.

WHEREAS, the United Kingdom stands as a bedrock of Western civilization, having pioneered enduring principles of liberty, justice, and democratic governance that have inspired nations around the world, including the United States of America and the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Magna Carta of 1215, along with documents such as the English Bill of Rights of 1689 and the Petition of Right of 1628, established fundamental protections for individual freedoms, including the right to free speech, due process, and resistance against arbitrary authority, forming the cornerstone of modern constitutionalism; and

WHEREAS, the British people have a legacy of resilience and moral courage and a heritage of confronting and defeating tyrants who sought to suppress speech and curtail liberties, from the defiance of King John's overreach to the valor displayed in the face of totalitarian regimes during the World Wars; and

WHEREAS, the United Kingdom achieved historic milestones in advancing human dignity, including the abolition of slavery through the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833, which preceded similar actions in the United States and served as a moral exemplar for global emancipation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Louisiana have deep cultural, economic, and historical ties to the United Kingdom and share a profound affinity for British heritage, with Louisiana's legal traditions drawing upon common law principles inherited from British jurisprudence, and countless Louisianans tracing their ancestry to British roots; and

WHEREAS, today, it is more important than ever that we continue to safeguard the cherished liberty of free speech from potential erosion and uphold our shared foundational commitment to individual rights; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana holds a deep respect for the United Kingdom and its foundational commitment to individual rights, which has forged a bond that has endured through centuries of shared hardships.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the government of the United Kingdom to continue its commitment to the foundational principles of the Magna Carta and other historic documents that affirm and protect individual liberties, thereby honoring its illustrious heritage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Kingdom is a historically reliable ally to the United States of America, particularly in the global pursuit of freedom and justice, and the State of Louisiana is proud to support the British people in their continued efforts to honor these shared values.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES