

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Hélène Durand, Vice President of the Association France-Louisiane Franco-Americanie, on being a good will ambassador of the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Hélène Durand, Vice President of the Association France-Louisiane Franco-
3 Americanie, on being a good will ambassador of the state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and many of its citizens have strong cultural and
5 historical ties to the nation of France; and

6 WHEREAS, the Association France-Louisiana Franco-Americanie is based in Paris
7 and was created to promote the development of the French language and culture in the state;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the association has many chapters throughout France and Louisiana
10 with more than one thousand active members; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Hélène Durand is the current vice president of the association and
12 for the past twenty years has been one of the most active officers, devoting thousands of
13 hours to helping Louisiana adults and students travel and study in France; and

14 WHEREAS, in the 1980s and 1990s she welcomed and housed Louisiana State
15 University students every summer in her home in Troyes, in the Champagne region of
16 France, and for the past few years, she has also assisted the director of the Cajun Nights
17 Festival in Saulieu, France; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Durand is well-known to the many Louisiana musicians

1 who have enjoyed her hospitality over the years; and

2 WHEREAS, because of her tireless devotion to strengthening the bonds of kinship,
3 culture, history, and friendship between the peoples of the nation of France and the state of
4 Louisiana, Ms. Durand has earned her place as a good will ambassador of the state.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 does hereby commend Ms. Hélène Durand, vice president of the Association France-
7 Louisiane Franco-Americanie, on being a good will ambassador of the state of Louisiana.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
9 Hélène Durand.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

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