



1 recreation complex and a new multimillion dollar cultural and education center on the  
2 Reservation; and

3 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe received federal  
4 recognition in September of 1981 and repatriated artifacts looted from its eighteenth century  
5 cemetery near St. Francisville; and

6 WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry was named the recipient of the Avoyellean of the  
7 Year Award in 1993 by the Avoyelles Journal, the highest award given in the parish; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1996, Chairman Barbry was named the Minority Businessman of the  
9 Year by the Marksville Chamber of Commerce and subsequently received the 2005  
10 Leadership Award of the National Indian Gaming Association; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2006, Chairman Barbry was named a Louisiana Legend by Louisiana  
12 Public Broadcasting in recognition of his cultural, educational, and economic contributions  
13 to the region and the state; he was the first American Indian to receive this honor; and

14 WHEREAS, in December 2011, Chairman Barbry was awarded an honorary  
15 doctorate of humane letters by Northwestern State University; and

16 WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry serves in a leadership capacity in the Louisiana Inter-  
17 Tribal Council, an organization that serves federal- and state-recognized Indian  
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry is a nationally known American Indian leader, serving  
20 on the board of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., representing federally  
21 acknowledged tribes from Louisiana to Maine; and

22 WHEREAS, USET President commended Chairman Barbry for his "leadership",  
23 "years of service", and "honor to his sacred duties".

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Earl Barbry, Sr., Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of  
26 Louisiana chairman, upon his receipt of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the United  
27 South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
29 to Earl Barbry, Sr.

DIGEST

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Johnson

HR No. 174

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