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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 174

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Earl Barbry, Sr., Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana chairman, upon receipt of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend Earl Barbry, Sr., Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Chairman, upon receipt of
3	a Lifetime Achievement Award from the United South and Eastern Tribes,
4	Incorporated.
5	WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) recently created
6	an honor, to be awarded annually, for lifetime achievement and service to the organization
7	and Indian Country; and
8	WHEREAS, USET's goal is to recognize not only outstanding achievements within
9	a tribe, but to honor leadership and advocacy to fellow Indian nations and to promote and
10	protect sovereignty and lift the bitter yoke of poverty; and
11	WHEREAS, the inaugural USET Lifetime Achievement Award was recently given
12	to Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Chairman Earl Barbry, Sr; and
13	WHEREAS, as the first recipient, USET has also named the honor the Earl Barbry,
14	Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award; and
15	WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry was raised on the Tunica-Biloxi Reservation in
16	Marksville, where he was elected Tribal Chairman in 1978 and appointed Tribal
17	Administrator that same year, capacities in which he continues to serve; and
18	WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry has overseen the construction of major housing
19	developments, paved roads, a tribal center, a court complex, a welfare office, a hotel-casino

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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", "years of service", and "honor to his sacred duties". 23 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 South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated. 27 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 29 to Earl Barbry, Sr.

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DIGEST

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