

1 and studio in Scott, outside Lafayette; and

2 WHEREAS, Sonnier not only continued his career as an artist, but through his pen-
3 and-ink drawings of Cajun culture he brought that culture to audiences across the United
4 States of America and to devotees of his work in France and French Canada, to whom he
5 spoke primarily in French; and

6 WHEREAS, Floyd Sonnier is one of the most celebrated of Cajun artists and
7 illustrators and he opened his studio in a historic building in Scott, from where he brought
8 the Cajun culture to people around the world and reminded the residents of Acadiana of the
9 richness and strength of their own culture; and

10 WHEREAS, today the original location of Sonnier's gallery exists as the Gallery
11 Acadie owned by two Scott natives who earn their living as artists and Sonnier's works
12 remain on display at the Beau Cajun Gallery nearby; and

13 WHEREAS, Scott is also home to the Society of Acadian Illustrators, an art guild
14 that is dedicated to preserving the arts of the Acadian people and Sonnier was declared the
15 first honorary member of the guild; and

16 WHEREAS, the guild is open only to artists of Acadian ancestry but hopes to enlist
17 the support and appreciation of people around the world in maintaining the Cajun culture and
18 bringing the richness of Cajun culture to new audiences everywhere; and

19 WHEREAS, these activities centered in Scott have made Scott the centerpiece of
20 preserving Cajun art, illustration, and culture and bringing to the attention of the world the
21 efforts of new Acadian artists who honor and revere the contributions of their ancestors.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 designate the city of Scott as the Cajun Art Capital of Louisiana.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 Purvis J. Morrison, the mayor of Scott, with special thanks to the people of Scott for
26 supporting and encouraging the retention and celebration of Cajun art in Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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