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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 173

BY REPRESENTATIVES ORTEGO, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, FRANKLIN, GUILLORY, HARRISON, ROBERT JOHNSON, TERRY LANDRY, MIGUEZ, MONTOUCET, PIERRE, PRICE, SCHEXNAYDER, AND ST. GERMAIN AND SENATORS CORTEZ, LAFLEUR, MORRISH, AND PERRY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Tuesday, May 26, 2015, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To designate May 26, 2015, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol.
3	WHEREAS, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL)
4	was created in 1968 to oversee the development and expansion of the state's economic
5	development and tourism activities designed to promote Louisiana's native francophone
6	culture, heritage, and language; and
7	WHEREAS, the Louisiana brand is greatly enhanced by its Louisiana French and
8	Creole culture, heritage, and languages; and
9	WHEREAS, the efforts to sustain this brand and assure its vibrancy for future
10	economic growth are predicated on a robust bilingual educational system and continued
11	relations with Louisiana's international partners, France, Belgium, and Quebec; and
12	WHEREAS, CODOFIL has had a long-standing relationship with France, and today,
13	present in this chamber are industry representatives from some of the twenty-six French
14	companies operating in Louisiana; and
15	WHEREAS, globally, more than thirteen thousand jobs have been created through
16	French-Louisiana trade and investment; Louisiana exports \$2.4 billion in products and
17	services to France; and ninety thousand French visitors came to Louisiana in 2014; and

1	WHEREAS, France has been instrumental in collaborating with Louisiana's
2	preeminent French Immersion program, in which nearly five thousand students are
3	linguistically trained for the Louisiana jobs of the 21st century; and
4	WHEREAS, CODOFIL, as Louisiana's state agency for francophone affairs,
5	continues to nurture and grow international partnerships similar to that with France, and
6	these partnerships result in economic growth for Louisiana well beyond the cultural
7	economy.
8	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9	designate May 26, 2015, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol and, together with the
10	fortunate citizens of this state, does hereby recognize the manifold contributions CODOFIL
11	makes to the cultural and economic growth of the great state of Louisiana.
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
13	to Charles Larroque, executive director of CODOFIL; Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne;
14	and William Arceneaux, president of CODOFIL.

DIGEST

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