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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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate May 26, 2015, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) was created in 1968 to oversee the development and expansion of the state's economic development and tourism activities designed to promote Louisiana's native francophone culture, heritage, and language; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana brand is greatly enhanced by its Louisiana French and Creole culture, heritage, and languages; and

WHEREAS, the efforts to sustain this brand and assure its vibrancy for future economic growth are predicated on a robust bilingual educational system and continued relations with Louisiana's international partners, France, Belgium, and Quebec; and

WHEREAS, CODOFIL has had a long-standing relationship with France, and today, present in this chamber are industry representatives from some of the twenty-six French companies operating in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, globally, more than thirteen thousand jobs have been created through French-Louisiana trade and investment; Louisiana exports \$2.4 billion in products and services to France; and ninety thousand French visitors came to Louisiana in 2014; and

WHEREAS, France has been instrumental in collaborating with Louisiana's preeminent French Immersion program, in which nearly five thousand students are linguistically trained for the Louisiana jobs of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, CODOFIL, as Louisiana's state agency for francophone affairs, continues to nurture and grow international partnerships similar to that with France, and these partnerships result in economic growth for Louisiana well beyond the cultural economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 26, 2015, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol and, together with the fortunate citizens of this state, does hereby recognize the manifold contributions CODOFIL makes to the cultural and economic growth of the great state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles Larroque, executive director of CODOFIL; Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne; and William Arceneaux, president of CODOFIL.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE