

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the people of Canada on their nation's 150th Anniversary of

3 Confederation and on the Consulate General of Canada's 50th anniversary of

4 diplomatic representation to Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Canada was founded in 1867, making this year the 150th Anniversary

6 of Confederation and commemorating a century and a half in which the peoples of the

7 United States and Canada have stood together as friends, neighbors, trading partners, and

8 allies; and

9 WHEREAS, 2017 is also the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Consulate

10 General of Canada to advance diplomatic relations with the State of Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, the results of the advanced diplomatic relations are clearly evidenced

12 by Canada becoming Louisiana's third-largest trade customer and Canada and Louisiana

13 sharing a \$4.2 billion trade in goods last year resulting in nearly 96,000 Louisiana jobs being

14 supported by trade and investment from Canada, and last year over 206,000 Canadians

15 visited Louisiana spending \$178 million; and

16 WHEREAS, the energy sectors of Louisiana and Canada cooperate in providing the

17 secure and reliable energy that drives North American economic competitiveness on the

18 world stage; and

1 WHEREAS, the relationship between the United States and Canada is unique and a
2 model for the world, with our two countries bound by a vibrant history of democratic
3 governance, economic and defense partnerships, and cultural ties; and

4 WHEREAS, Canada is the United States' largest export market with two-way trade
5 in goods and services between the nations totaling in excess of \$635 billion in 2016, or more
6 than \$1.7 billion every day; and

7 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States work together through programs such as
8 the International Border Enforcement Teams to secure a 5,500 mile border over which
9 400,000 people cross each day; and

10 WHEREAS, Canada and Louisiana also share rich historical, cultural, and family
11 ties, stretching back to the time when pre-historic peoples in northeastern Louisiana traded
12 with their counterparts as far north as Canada; and

13 WHEREAS, Acadians in Canada and in Louisiana share family ties that span
14 centuries and are celebrated annually; and

15 WHEREAS, the connections between New France in Canada and Louisiana are part
16 of the lore of Europeans' discovery of North America; and

17 WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana and the people of Canada look forward to many
18 more years of cooperation, friendship, trade, investment, tourism, and good will.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 commend and congratulate the people of Canada on their 150th Anniversary of
21 Confederation and on the Consulate General of Canada's 50th anniversary of diplomatic
22 representation to Louisiana.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 Consul General of Canada, Mrs. Sara Wilshaw, as an expression of high regard by the
25 Legislature of Louisiana for Canada, its people, and our friendship.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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