

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS AND SENATOR PRICE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the members of the GU272 Descendants Association upon their family reunion on June 9, 2018

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the members of the GU272 Descendants Association upon their family reunion

3 on June 9, 2018.

4 WHEREAS, the GU272 Descendants Association is dedicated to preserving the

5 memory, commemorating the lives, and restoring the honor of the two hundred seventy-two

6 enslaved people sold by the Jesuit priests of Georgetown University to Louisiana plantations

7 in 1838; and

8 WHEREAS, June of 2018 marks the one hundred eightieth anniversary of the sale

9 and transport of enslaved children, women, and men from Maryland to Ascension, Iberville,

10 and Terrebonne parishes; and

11 WHEREAS, members of the GU272 Descendants Association, some of whom have

12 only recently learned of their ties to this history, are having a family reunion in June of 2018

13 in collaboration with *Finding Your Roots*, a PBS television series; and

14 WHEREAS, family reunions are special times for reuniting with family, introducing

15 younger generations to their heritage and history, and building lifelong relationships; the

16 purpose of this family reunion is to bring together descendants of these ancestors to celebrate

17 the reuniting of what slavery tore apart; and

18 WHEREAS, at this family reunion, descendants are celebrating with parents,

19 grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and cousins; creating more

20 memories; sharing stories about their legacy and their dreams for the future; and renewing

21 the ties that forever bind them together; and

1 WHEREAS, the descendants take great pride in their ancestral origin and are taking
2 the opportunity not only to commune in fellowship but to collectively update their family
3 trees, enjoy Louisiana cuisine, and reconnect with family members coming to Iberville
4 Parish from all around the state and the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, the descendants have built great Louisiana families whose members
6 have been beloved members of Louisiana communities and made vital contributions to
7 society over nearly two centuries; and

8 WHEREAS, at this special event, those gathering are recognizing the strides their
9 ancestors made against all odds, forging a path forward toward healing, and celebrating the
10 unwavering unity that this family has demonstrated for generations; and

11 WHEREAS, through the hard times of history, it has been love, strength, and their
12 unbreakable family connection that have helped the two hundred seventy-two ancestors and
13 their descendants not only survive but thrive; and

14 WHEREAS, the remarkable individuals assembling for this unforgettable occasion
15 merit a heartfelt measure of commendation for the tremendous honor that they bring to the
16 state of Louisiana.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 commend the members of the GU272 Descendants Association upon the memorable and
19 historic occasion of their family reunion in June of 2018; does hereby express sincere
20 appreciation to these wonderful individuals for their outstanding achievements and singular
21 contributions; and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success and happiness as
22 the members of this extraordinary family convene to celebrate their unique spirit of family
23 love, unity, and pride.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
25 to the president of the board of directors of the GU272 Descendants Association.

DIGEST

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