

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Acadian Ambulance on the occasion of the company's
fiftieth anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Acadian Ambulance on the occasion of the company's fiftieth anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, founded in 1971, Acadian Companies is an employee-owned,
4 multifaceted company with six divisions, a global reach, and a mission of improving the
5 lives of patients, customers, and employees through its innovative spirit and dedicated team
6 of professionals; and

7 WHEREAS, Acadian is the largest employee-owned ambulance service in the nation
8 and has earned a reputation as one of the nation's most respected and accomplished medical
9 transportation companies; and

10 WHEREAS, Acadian Ambulance Service began operations on September 1, 1971,
11 with three co-founders, two ambulances, and eight medics covering two hundred seventy-
12 nine square miles of Lafayette Parish; and

13 WHEREAS, since then, Acadian Ambulance has been in continuous operation
14 through hurricanes, floods, ice storms, and even a pandemic; and

15 WHEREAS, over the past five decades, Acadian Ambulance's service area has grown
16 to include thirty-five parishes in Louisiana, thirty-five counties in Texas, one county in
17 Mississippi, and one county in Tennessee; their fleet includes six hundred twenty-eight
18 ambulances, twelve helicopters, and five fixed-wing aircraft staffed by two thousand seven
19 hundred medics who transport more than six hundred thirty-five thousand patients annually;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Acadian Ambulance is one of the only companies in the nation to be
2 accredited by both the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services and the
3 Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems; and

4 WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Acadian began providing medics to work on oil
5 installations in the Gulf of Mexico in the form of Safety Management Systems; in 2003,
6 Acadian launched the National EMS Academy, which has a fully accredited partnership with
7 South Louisiana Community College and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
8 to educate EMTs and paramedics for agencies across the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Acadian partnered with the NAACP and local inclusion and diversity
10 groups to provide a scholarship program for young men and women interested in a career
11 in emergency medical services; and

12 WHEREAS, Acadian Companies has garnered international acclaim and recognition
13 as a result of the dedication of its employee-owners; it has been recognized by the American
14 Ambulance Association, the United States Senate, Bill Gates, Inc. Magazine, and even the
15 Smithsonian Institution; and

16 WHEREAS, Acadian Ambulance Service is most deserving of the highest
17 recognition for its dedicated service to the people of Louisiana and beyond for the last fifty
18 years.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Acadian Ambulance on the occasion of the
21 company's fiftieth anniversary; does hereby recognize that immense pride that Acadian has
22 brought to the great state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincere wishes for their
23 continued success over the next fifty years.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 chief executive officer of Acadian Companies.

DIGEST

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Commends Acadian Ambulance on the occasion of the company's 50th anniversary.