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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATOR CLOUD

INDIAN AFFAIRS. Recognizes the Avoyel-Taensa Tribe of Louisiana for purposes of granting formal recognition.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the Avoyel-Taensa Tribe of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Indian community of the Avoyel-Taensa Tribe of Louisiana have existed in the vicinity of Avoyelles Parish since the earliest settlement of these areas to the present; and

WHEREAS, descendants of the Indians residing in the area at the first contact with Europeans have continued to reside in the area of Louisiana since that time; and

WHEREAS, extensive genealogical and historical research has been accomplished and clearly identifies the core ancestry of the tribe as Avoyel-Taensa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the policy of the state of Louisiana provides for recognition of Indian tribes within its borders, to support their tribal aspirations, to preserve their cultural heritage, improve their economic condition, and to assist them in the achievement of their just rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby formally recognize the Avoyel-Taensa Tribe of Louisiana as a recognized Indian tribe of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize, request, and urge the Congress of the United States and the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs to take such steps as are necessary to effect, in the near future,

formal recognition of the Avoyel-Taensa Tribe of Louisiana, to acknowledge that the rights of the Avoyel-Taensa Tribe of Louisiana are no less than those of other Indian tribes in the United States, and to take such executive or congressional action as may be appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, the director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, and to the leadership of the Avoyel-Taensa Tribe of Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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