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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

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## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2 To commend the creators of the film, The Five Priests, on being honored as an Official Selection and Monthly Winner at the Cannes World Film Festival for independent 3 filmmakers along with twenty-six other international festivals of note. 4 5 WHEREAS, The Five Priests, a full-length documentary that recounts the lives of five Roman Catholic priests who died in the 1873 Yellow Fever epidemic in Shreveport and 6 are now Servants of God in the Vatican canonization process, has been honored as an 8 Official Selection and Monthly Winner at the Cannes World Film Festival for independent 9 filmmakers along with twenty-six other international festivals of note; and 10 WHEREAS, the film was produced by the Louisiana State University-Shreveport 11 Foundation in conjunction with the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans, and directed by Chris Charles Scott of Strategery Films in Las Vegas, Nevada; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the film features the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States (the Vatican ambassador), Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Bishop Francis Malone of the Diocese of 14 Shreveport, Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins, Father Peter Mangum of the Cathedral of St. 15 John Berchmans, local author W. Ryan Smith, and Dr. Cheryl White, history professor at 16 Louisiana State University-Shreveport; and 17 18 WHEREAS, the documentary is based upon the book, *Shreveport Martyrs of 1873*:

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1 The Surest Path to Heaven, authored by Mangum, Smith, and White, and published by The 2 History Press in October 2021; and 3 WHEREAS, The Five Priests premiered at the Strand Theatre in Shreveport on November 4, 2021, and has been enjoying critical acclaim during the current international 4 film festival season; and 5 WHEREAS, to date, The Five Priests is also the winner of Best Feature 6 7 Documentary at the European Film Festival; Best Documentary, Best Idea for a 8 Documentary, and Best Cinematography in a Documentary at the World Independent 9 Cinema Awards Los Angeles; Best Short Documentary at the Barcelona International Film 10 Festival; Diamond Award for Best Documentary Feature at the SoCal Film Awards; Gold 11 Award for Feature Documentary at the Spotlight Documentary Awards; Award of 12 Excellence at the Indie Fest Film Festival; Honorable Mention: Documentary Feature at the 13 Los Angeles Film Awards; Finalist Feature Documentary at the Texas Film Festival; and 14 Semi-Finalist Feature Documentary at the New York International Film Awards; and WHEREAS, additionally, the film is currently an Official Selection of the Rome 15 Prisma Independent Film Festival, and the Nieves International Christian Film Festival. 16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 17 18 recognize and congratulate the creators of the film, The Five Priests, on their multiple award 19 winnings, in addition to being honored as an Official Selection and Monthly Winner at the 20 Cannes World Film Festival for independent filmmakers along with twenty-six other 21 international festivals of note. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 22 23 Louisiana State University-Shreveport Foundation and the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Lebra R. Bias.

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