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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR STINE

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Recognizes the mutual interests of Quebec and Louisiana and welcomes the Honorable Christopher Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie to the Louisiana State Capitol.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the common bond and mutual interest between Quebec and the state of Louisiana and to welcome the Honorable Christopher Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, to the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Quebec and Louisiana share deep historical, cultural, and linguistic bonds rooted in a common Francophone heritage; and

WHEREAS, the governments of Quebec and Louisiana are linked by four agreements that strengthen cooperation and collaboration, including the 2017 Joint Declaration on cooperation in education, Francophonie, culture, and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Quebec-Louisiana Cooperation Program, established in 2015, promotes exchanges and partnerships between the two jurisdictions in the areas of culture and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Quebec-Louisiana Parliamentary Association, also established in 2015, fosters dialogue and cooperation between members of the National Assembly of Quebec and the Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Quebec and Louisiana both collaborate within the International Organization of La Francophonie, further strengthening their shared commitment to the promotion of the French language and Francophone culture; and

WHEREAS, economic ties between Quebec and Louisiana remain strong, and in 2024, Louisiana ranked second among United States clients of Quebec for iron ores and fifth for unwrought aluminum; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the mutual interests of Quebec and Louisiana in areas such as education, health, environmental stewardship, energy, economic development, and cultural affairs, and to promote cooperation and dialogue among members of their respective legislative assemblies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the common bond and mutual interests between Quebec and Louisiana and does hereby welcome the Honorable Christopher Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, to the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Christopher Skeete.

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