

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

To commend H  l  ne Durand, Vice President of the Association France-Louisiane Franco-Americane, on being a good will ambassador of the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and many of its citizens have strong cultural and historical ties to the nation of France; and

WHEREAS, the Association France-Louisiane Franco-Americane is based in Paris and was created to promote the development of the French language and culture in the state; and

WHEREAS, the association has many chapters throughout France and Louisiana with more than one thousand active members; and

WHEREAS, Ms. H  l  ne Durand is the current vice president of the association and for the past twenty years has been one of the most active officers, devoting thousands of hours to helping Louisiana adults and students travel and study in France; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s and 1990s she welcomed and housed Louisiana State University students every summer in her home in Troyes, in the Champagne region of France, and for the past few years, she has also assisted the director of the Cajun Nights Festival in Saulieu, France; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Durand is well-known to the many Louisiana musicians who have enjoyed her hospitality over the years; and

WHEREAS, because of her tireless devotion to strengthening the bonds of kinship, culture, history, and friendship between the peoples of the nation of France and the state of Louisiana, Ms. Durand has earned her place as a good will ambassador of the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ms. Hélène Durand, vice president of the Association France-Louisiane Franco-Americane, on being a good will ambassador of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Hélène Durand.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE