

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Adai Caddo Indian tribe for their cultural contributions to the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Adai Caddo Indian tribe for their cultural contributions to the state of
3 Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the Adai Caddo Indian nation is an independent tribe, one of
5 approximately twenty-five different tribes with separate Caddeon names, who occupied a
6 territory of four hundred miles and covered portions of present day states of western
7 Louisiana, eastern Texas, western Arkansas, and north through Oklahoma up to the Canadian
8 border; and

9 WHEREAS, the Adai Indian nation was first part of the nomadic territory of the
10 Pawnee and Wichita territory, and considered one of the largest North American Indian
11 tribes with first European contact; and

12 WHEREAS, as traders and situated in an ideal geographical area, the Adai became
13 a resourceful and productive conduit of trade between the Plains Indians west of the Sabine
14 River, and the tribes of the southeast; and

15 WHEREAS, when horses and cattle were introduced by the Spanish, the Adai
16 became excellent horsemen and some of the region's first cowboys, rounding up Mustangs
17 and wild cattle for trade and enhancing their commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, the Adai resided near a principal village, now known as Robeline,

1 Louisiana in the western part of Natchitoches Parish, formerly part of the Texas territory in
2 1818, and through Indian trades with the American and Spanish governments, their boundary
3 lines were extended west to the Sabine River, formerly called Rio de Los Adais by the
4 Spaniards and then became part of Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, the Adai tribe reservation, a land grant community and on the National
6 Registry of Historic Places, has become a favored and ever-popular tourist spot of visitors
7 from around the world, and a travel attraction by elementary school children, high school
8 and college students, while generating several million dollars in development for the Adai,
9 neighboring parishes, and the entire state of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, founded respectively in 1717 and 1721, the Adai has two national
11 landmarks bearing their tribal name, Presidio de Los Adais, and the Catholic Indian Mission
12 Church St. Michael of the Adais.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby commend the Adai Caddo Indian tribe for their rich cultural contributions to
15 Louisiana.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chief
17 Rufus Davis, Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

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