

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 170

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Chairman Earl Barbry Sr. on receiving the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award from the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Chairman Earl Barbry Sr. on receiving the
3 inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award from the United South and Eastern Tribes,
4 Incorporated.

5 WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry was raised on the Tunica-Biloxi Reservation in
6 Marksville, Louisiana, where he learned early on that he was part of a clan unique to the
7 area; and

8 WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry is descended from a long, unbroken line of Tunica-
9 Biloxi chiefs and learned much from his grandfather, Elijah Barbry, who was the first
10 activist chief in Louisiana to attempt to get a federal response to the needs of the Louisiana
11 Indian people; and

12 WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry was elected Tribal Chairman in 1978 and was
13 appointed as Tribal Administrator that same year and has continued to serve in those
14 capacities continuously since then; and

15 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chairman Barbry, amazing changes have taken
16 place on the reservation and where once there were barren fields and wooded areas with a
17 few shanties scattered about, now one may see a unique and modern housing development,
18 Tribal Administrative Office, a Health Department and Social Services Office, Gaming

1 Board and Gaming commission Office, Tribal Police, and Court Building; and

2 WHEREAS, under Chairman Barbry's leadership, the Tunica-Biloxi repatriated
3 artifacts looted from their 18th century cemetery near St. Francisville and court action
4 initiated by Tunica-Biloxi helped build the foundation for the Native American Graves
5 Protection and Repatriation Act; and

6 WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry has carefully overseen the construction of major
7 housing developments, paved roads, tribal center, court complex, welfare office, as well as
8 a hotel-casino recreation complex and a new multi-million dollar cultural and education
9 center; and

10 WHEREAS, Barbry was named the recipient of the Avoyellean of the Year Award
11 in 1993 by the Avoyelles Journal, the highest award given in the parish and in 1996, the
12 Marksville Chamber of Commerce named him Minority Businessman of the Year; and

13 WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry received the 2005 Leadership Award of the National
14 Indian Gaming Association and the next year, he was named a Louisiana Legend by
15 Louisiana Public Broadcasting in recognition of his cultural, educational and economic
16 contributions to the region and the state, the first American Indian to ever receive this high
17 honor; and

18 WHEREAS, Chairman Barbry admits that all of his accomplishments would never
19 have been possible without his loving wife, Gail, his two sons and his two grandchildren.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby extend its highest commendations on Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
22 Chairman Earl Barbry Sr. on receiving the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award from the
23 United South and Eastern Tribes.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 Tunica-Biloxi Tribe Chairman Earl Barbry Sr.

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

DIGEST

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