

1 WHEREAS, the box dinners soon gave way to cooking for fundraisers hosted by
2 various nonprofit organizations in the three parish area; and

3 WHEREAS, his cooking grew to the point where Mr. Jesse needed help and formed
4 a group of cooks called the "Cajun Chefs", including Chris Clement, Prosper Toups, Sidney
5 Cavalier, Jeffery Simoneaux, Dolese Simoneaux, David Boudreaux, Jay Dugas, Kerry
6 Dugas, Lynn Dugas, Frank Newchurch, Phillip "Scrap" Newchurch, Bill Newchurch, Russell
7 Giroir, Earl Matherne, Kye Rodrigue, Arthur Landry, Jimmy Gravois, Harold Harris,
8 Delores Naquin, men and women who happily and willingly gave of their time, their talents,
9 and their efforts to prepare Cajun dining delights to assist in charity fundraising throughout
10 South Louisiana and beyond; and

11 WHEREAS, the Cajun Chefs have prepared food for golf tournaments organized to
12 raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network, the Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, various
13 American Legion organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hurricane Katrina victims,
14 and, in July of 1996, the group was even invited to Washington, D.C., to cook for
15 Congressman Billy Tauzin's biannual "Cajun Family Day" in our nation's capital; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Jesse and the Cajun Chefs also cooked for six Louisiana governors:
17 John McKeithen, Edwin Edwards, Dave Treen, Buddy Roemer, Mike Foster, and Kathleen
18 Blanco; and

19 WHEREAS, while remaining humble and unassuming about his efforts on behalf of
20 his community, Mr. Jesse has been recognized by many organizations for his charitable
21 efforts, including being named Outstanding Citizen of Assumption Parish in 1995 and being
22 inducted into the Tri-Parish (Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Assumption) Hall of Fame in 2006;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Jesse will always be remembered as a special person, a loving and
25 giving person who shared his love of life, family, and community through volunteering to
26 cook for fairs, charities, schools, and government functions and Mr. Jesse will also be
27 remembered holding a Rotel highball can as he cooked for the family and community that
28 he loved so much.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30 commend Mr. Jesse T. Dugas, "Mr. Jesse", of Paincourtville on his fifty years of service to

1 his community, the parishes around his home, and his state and for his efforts to preserve a
2 way of life in South Louisiana through Cajun cooking and self-sacrifice for the good of the
3 community.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mr.
5 Jesse Dugas.

DIGEST

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