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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, LAFONTA, MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON, PATRICIA SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS BROOME, CRAVINS, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, GRAY, JACKSON, MURRAY, AND SHEPHERD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the George and Leah McKenna Museum of African American Art in New Orleans upon its grand reopening celebration on February 22 and 23, 2008.

WHEREAS, the George and Leah McKenna Museum is named in honor of the parents of Dr. Dwight McKenna, the museum's founder and owner; and

WHEREAS, this fine institution collects, interprets, and preserves the visual aesthetic of people of African descent in North America and beyond; and

WHEREAS, through innovative programs and exhibits that engage versatile audiences, the McKenna Museum seeks to make African Diasporan fine art accessible to visitors of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the institution also actively identifies and presents emerging artists alongside well-established fine arts masters; and

WHEREAS, featuring the private collection of Dr. McKenna, the museum presents works by local and internationally renowned artists such as Henry Ossawa Tanner, William Edouard Scott, Clementine Hunter, Ernie Barnes, and Ulrich Jean Pierre; and

WHEREAS, heavily damaged during Hurricane Katrina, the museum has been deeply missed, and its long-awaited reopening is cause for great joy and celebration; and

WHEREAS, the memorable and historic occasion of this superb museum's grand reopening serves as an inspiring example of the ongoing restoration and rebuilding that is possible throughout the entire city of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the McKenna Museum merits a special measure of commendation for its unwavering commitment to the preservation of the distinct culture found within the African American community of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends the George and Leah McKenna Museum of African American Art upon its grand reopening celebration on February 22 and 23, 2008, hereby recognizes the significant role it is playing in the continuing rebirth and renewal of the Crescent City, and hereby records for posterity the tremendous pride and honor that this extraordinary institution brings to the city of New Orleans and to the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Dwight McKenna.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE