

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 231

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To encourage the Congrès Mondial Acadien (World Acadian Congress) to hold its 2014 celebration in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is inhabited by almost one million people entirely or partly of French Acadian descent; and

WHEREAS, the Congrès Mondial Acadien is held every five years and is a very large gathering of Acadians from throughout the world who proudly showcase their history, culture, food, and music; and

WHEREAS, the next Congrès Mondial Acadien will take place in New Brunswick, Canada, in August 2009, and will then announce the site of the next event in 2014; and

WHEREAS, all three past Congrès Mondial Acadien events have attracted tens of thousands of participants primarily from France, Canada, Louisiana, and other states, with an estimated financial impact to the local economy of several millions of dollars.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby support the Louisiane-Acadie Committee to the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014 in Louisiana, and encourages all local and regional officials to participate in this celebration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Legislature will lend its support and consider allocating special funds for this purpose in order to make the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014 a huge success for the benefit of the citizens of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiane-Acadie Committee.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE