

**RESOLUTION**  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
by  
**Francophone Section**  
Louisiana State Bar Association

**In Commemoration of the Founding of the State of Louisiana (1812 - 2012)**

WHEREAS the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association was created at the Annual Meeting at Sandestin, Florida, in June of 1999;

WHEREAS the Francophone Section's mission is to promote any and all things Francophone in nature including the preservation of the French Culture, Language and Historical Events;

WHEREAS on April 30, 1812, the United States of America admitted Louisiana as the eighteenth State into the Union;

WHEREAS Louisiana was the first State to have a majority Catholic French and Spanish Speaking population reflecting its origins as a colony under France from 1669-1763 and from 1763- 1803;

WHEREAS American attorney Edward Livingston along with French-born Congressman Julien Poydras lobbied and convinced Territorial Governor William C. C. Claiborne that the New Orleans Territory qualified for Statehood and that finally in 1811, Democratic President James Madison signed the Bill allowing the people of Louisiana to form a Statehood;

WHEREAS forty-three American and Creole Leaders convened on April 14, 1812 at a Convention to consider the Statehood of Louisiana;

WHEREAS in 2012, we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS two hundred years later Louisiana remains one of the distinctive States in the Union with its rich heritage of the French Language, Creole and Cajun Cuisine, Louisiana Civil Code, Mardi Gras and its "Joie de Vivre";

WHEREAS the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association wishes Louisiana a "Bon Anniversarie" of two hundred years;

WHEREAS the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association will be having events in April 2012 in commemoration of the founding of Louisiana at its Annual Meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana on April 27, 2012 at the United States Federal Courthouse, 800 Lafayette Street, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. and will participate in the actual commemoration by the State of Louisiana on April 30, 2012;

WHEREAS the creation of documents of the founding of the State of Louisiana was done by the legislature and impacted by certain lawyers who drafted and created the final document;

WHEREAS the Louisiana State Bar Association and through its mission should be proud that its members prior to creation of the Louisiana State Bar Association in 1812 so helped create this legal document;

WHEREAS this historical event should be one of significant historical presence for Louisiana as well as for the Louisiana State Bar Association; and

WHEREAS the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association hereby submits this resolution to commemorate this great event and the founding of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association wishes to proclaim this day before the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association as an official birthday celebration of Louisiana which is to be celebrated on April 30, 2012.

FRANCOPHONE SECTION  
LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

President  
John A. Hernandez, III

*This resolution is made  
In Loving Memory of Judge Allen M. Babineaux*

**APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

*With caveat that article on Spanish history of Louisiana  
be included in Special Bicentennial issue of Louisiana Bar Journal.*

**JANUARY 21, 2012  
NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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