JOINT RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That the State of Maine hereby recognizes:

(1-1) the Honorable Paulette G. Beaudoin, of Biddeford, on her posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Representative Beaudoin served in the Maine House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014 representing District No. 135. Before, during and after her legislative service, she was relied upon by French-speaking residents in Biddeford to help them understand issues affecting the State and Biddeford. We acknowledge Representative Beaudoin's service to her community and to the State, and we send her family our congratulations on her posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

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(1-2) Jean Paul Fortin, of Augusta, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Fortin, who was elected President of Le Club Calumet in 1996, received the club's highest honor, La Medaille d'Honneur, in 2008 for his outstanding service to the club and the community at large. Since his retirement in 1997, he has worked as a full-time volunteer on a variety of projects in the community. We acknowledge Mr. Fortin's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 245

(1-3) Juliana L'Heureux, of Topsham, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. L'Heureux has been writing articles and presenting to groups about the history, language, culture and religion of the Francophones and the State's Franco-Americans for the past 30 years. Among her many efforts, she has served on the Task Force for Franco-Americans and is a member of the Board of the University of Southern Maine Lewiston Auburn College Franco-American Collection. We acknowledge Ms. L'Heureux's service to her community and to the State, and we send her our Congratulations on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 246

(1-4) Dr. Muriel Poulin, of Springvale, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Dr. Poulin's nursing career has spanned more than 50 years in over a dozen countries, and she has been honored as a "living legend" by the American Academy of Nursing for her contributions to the field. Since her return to Springvale in 1989, she has given her all to the process of bettering the community. We acknowledge Dr. Poulin's service to her community and to the State, and we send her our Congratulations on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 247

(1-5) Lionel Meservier, of Lewiston, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Meservier, a member of the C'est Si Bon Band, has promoted the French language and French music, playing throughout the northeastern United States and at the Quebec Winter Carnival. He also participated in the French Program at Hall-Dale Elementary School in
Hallowell and in the University of Southern Maine, Lewiston, Senior College French Reacquisition Class. We acknowledge Mr. Meservier's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

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(1-6) Andre Pied, of Skowhegan, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Pied helped create the French language exchange between Skowhegan's adult education program and Commission scolaire de la Beauce-Etchemin in Saint-Georges, Quebec, Canada. He also played an instrumental role in the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor commission. We acknowledge Mr. Pied's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

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(1-7) Joel and Therese Dionne, of Madawaska, on their induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. and Mrs. Dionne have been long-term, tireless advocates for the preservation of the French language and culture in the St. John Valley. Among their many other efforts, they helped organize the 2014 World Acadian Congress and have led fund-raising and membership drives of the Association Francaise de la Vallee St-Jean, of which they are members. We acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. Dionne's service to their community and to the State, and we send them our congratulations on their induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

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Come from the House, READ and PASSED.