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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Les "Pe-Te" Johnson (Jeansonne) for being the Cajun Voice in Houston for thirty years

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Les "Pe-Te" Johnson (Jeansonne) for thirty years of broadcasting as the Cajun
3 Voice in Houston.

4 WHEREAS, Eunice, Louisiana, native Les "Pe-Te" Johnson has made his home in
5 neighboring Texas for more than three decades but has spread Cajun traditions in cuisine and
6 culture in the Lone Star State; and

7 WHEREAS, Pe-Te completed four years of service in the U.S. Air Force after his
8 1958 graduation from Eunice High School; he moved to Texas and opened Pe-Te's Cajun
9 BBQ House in 1979, which he owned and operated until 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, the Cajun culture took root in Texas with Saturday afternoon and
11 evening dances at Pe-Te's BBQ House, and NASA employees were drawn to the
12 establishment by the good food and good times provided by Pe-Te and his staff; Pe-Te's
13 galaxy-famous barbecue and beans and rice have made it into space by means of the space
14 shuttle, and Pe-Te's cassette tapes and CDs of Cajun music have been played in the space
15 shuttle and on the space station; and

16 WHEREAS, Pe-Te's Cajun Radio Show was on air on KTEK in Houston from 1981
17 to 1983; Pe-Te took his unique musical stylings to KPFT, Houston's nonprofit public radio
18 station, where he has volunteered as a disc jockey since 1983 playing The Cajun Bandstand
19 radio show three days a week; he has earned the moniker, the Cajun Voice in Houston; and

1 WHEREAS, eleven gumbo cook-offs and four golf tournaments hosted by Pe-Te
2 have contributed operational support for KPFT and keep the Cajun culture alive in Houston;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the Cajun French Music Association Museum in Eunice houses cassette
5 tapes and CDs that made the trip to space and back, and they are proudly displayed with their
6 NASA documentation; and

7 WHEREAS, Pe-Te is a member of the Cajun French Music Association and has
8 hosted visits by astronauts to the Cajun French Music Association museum and its Fourth
9 of July parade; he has seen thirteen space shuttle lift-offs from Cape Canaveral; and

10 WHEREAS, Pe-Te has spent forty-eight wonderful years with his wife, Jennie
11 Johnson; he proudly travels between Friendswood, Texas, and his hometown, Eunice,
12 spreading Cajun good cheer far and wide.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Les "Pe-Te" Johnson for thirty years of
15 broadcasting as the Cajun Voice in Houston and for being a Cajun ambassador to the Lone
16 Star State.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
18 to Les "Pe-Te" Johnson (Jeansonne).

DIGEST

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