

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY SENATOR NEVERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Millicent Canter on her efforts to rejuvenate and reopen the Museums of Cassidy Park in Bogalusa after Hurricane Katrina.

WHEREAS, the Museums of Cassidy Park in Bogalusa, Louisiana, which consist of the Museum of Indian Culture and the Pioneer Museum, were built in the 1960s and closed in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, the museums were damaged during Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, in October 2009, the Indian Museum was re-opened and designated the second official Heritage Site on the Choctaw Nature Trail; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the city of Bogalusa will become a Portal City on the Choctaw Nature Trail; and

WHEREAS, the museums are flourishing under the leadership of its volunteer director, Millicent Canter; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Canter is a native of Bogalusa and, prior to becoming the director of the Museums of Cassidy Park, served as director of an art museum in Longview, Texas; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving Texas, she moved back to her hometown and used her experience to revivify the Museums of Cassidy Park; and

WHEREAS, through her direction and guidance, there has been a renewed energy to the park; and

WHEREAS, more than five thousand five hundred people from several states registered as visitors to the Museums of Cassidy Park in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Millicent Canter's efforts have been instrumental in local grassroots initiatives which enhance Louisiana's cultural and historical heritage, enlighten its citizens,

and encourage tourism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Millicent Canter on her efforts to rejuvenate and reopen the Museums of Cassidy Park after Hurricane Katrina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Millicent Canter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE