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### **SENATOR FRED MILLS ENCOURAGES CITIZENS TO SUPPORT CODOFIL**

#### **FILES BILL TO HELP FUND FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE NONPROFIT EDUCATION GROUP**

District 22 State Senator Fred Mills (R-Parks) is encouraging citizens to support CODOFIL, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, by getting “I’m a Cajun” put on their driver’s licenses. Sen. Mills says that Senate Bill 201 provides a great way for citizens to show their Cajun heritage and support an important organization.

“CODOFIL is an organization that is vital to preserving the heritage of our people,” said Sen. Mills. “It is always a challenge to find funding for organizations like this and I’m looking for a way to get the people involved. If you are as proud to be a Cajun as I am, show it on your driver’s license and support a worthy cause.”

Sen. Mills thanks Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle, whose father was a legislator and coauthor of the legislation that established CODOFIL, for his role in the creation of the SB 201, “I would like to thank Commissioner Angelle for helping me come up with this innovative way to let people express their pride, while raising money for CODOFIL, without taxes. He knows firsthand the Cajun heritage is a culture worth preserving.”

SB 201 allows citizens to put “I’m a Cajun” in black below a person’s photograph on driver’s licenses and identification cards at their request. The

**designation costs an additional five dollars annually, which will be dedicated to CODOFIL. If an individual's ID is valid for 4 years, the "I'm a Cajun" designation would cost them an additional \$20. The Department of Public Safety will be required to establish the rules and regulations for implementing the new designation and will quarterly disburse the revenue from the additional fee to CODOFIL. If approved by the legislature, citizens will be able participate beginning January 1, 2014.**

**Rep. Mike Huval (R-Breaux Bridge) has filed a similar measure in the House of Representatives. House Bill 147 creates the "I'm Cajun" prestige license plate. Citizens can have "I'm Cajun...and proud" put on their license plates with an annual royalty fee of \$15 for each plate.**

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