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House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

Resolve, to Promote Ethnic Diversity and Maine's French Heritage.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York and
Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, MICHAEL of Auburn, MURPHY of Kennebunk,
O'BRIEN of Augusta, PARADIS of Frenchville, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators:
LONGLEY of Waldo, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

2 **Sec. 1. Pilot program; Maine's French heritage. Resolved:** That
3 the Department of Education shall conduct a pilot program in
4 kindergartens located in Augusta, the Lewiston-Auburn area, the
5 St. John Valley, Biddeford and other communities with a
6 significant Franco-American population to promote ethnic
7 diversity and Maine's French heritage. At a minimum, the pilot
8 program must include teaching the French language. The
9 department shall adopt routine technical rules pursuant to the
10 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A to
11 implement the program.

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SUMMARY

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15 This resolve requires the Department of Education to conduct
16 a pilot project to promote ethnic diversity and Maine's French
17 heritage, including the teaching of French, in kindergartens in
18 communities with strong French ties and history.