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House of Representatives, February 28, 2013

Resolve, To Enhance the Study of Franco-American History in Schools

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CASAVANT of Biddeford, CRAY of Palmyra, DION of Portland, FREDETTE of Newport, KAENRATH of South Portland, LIBBY of Lewiston, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

1 **Sec. 1. Inclusion of Franco-American history in content standards and**
2 **performance indicators. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Education, in
3 conducting the next review cycle for content standards and performance indicators in
4 accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 4, shall
5 develop content standards and performance indicators for social studies that include
6 Franco-American history, French intellectual thought and the significance of Franco-
7 Americans to the economic and cultural development of Maine communities.

8 The Department of Education shall review materials available for teaching Franco-
9 American history and recommend materials appropriate to use at various grade levels;
10 and be it further

11 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
12 appropriations and allocations are made.

13 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

14 **Learning Systems 0839**

15 Initiative: Provides one-time funds associated with the cost of developing materials and
16 curriculum to include Franco-American studies in the content standards and performance
17 indicators for social studies.

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19	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
20	All Other	\$25,000	\$0
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22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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SUMMARY

24 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Education to include Franco-American
25 studies in the content standards and performance indicators for teaching social studies in
26 Maine schools and provides a one-time appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2013-14.