WASHINGTON, D.C. - In connection with the recent controversy over a United States Public Health Service form (circulated by request by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission) containing a question as to race designation including the word "Cajun," Congressman Edwin W. Edwards stated that a check with the Communicable Disease Center of the Public Health Service in Atlanta reveals an error in the make-up of the form and that the forms are being recalled. A new form will be issued leaving off any reference to "Cajun."

Congressman Edwards stated that the error resulted from a desire on the part of the Public Health Service to separate the inquiries with reference to people of Acadian descent who have lived historically in the bayou country; nevertheless he said, "after calling the situation to the attention of the Public Health Service, the director has agreed to recall the forms and issue new ones omitting any reference to 'Cajuns.'"

The Congressman represents Louisiana's Seventh Congressional District, with high percentages of people of Acadian descent.