

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend the city of Baton Rouge on its role as host of the 2017 United States Bowling Congress' Women's Championships and to welcome the participants and guests to the city and state.

WHEREAS, the United States Bowling Congress' Women's Championships claim the title of the world's largest yearly participatory sporting event for women; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 staging of the United States Bowling Congress' Women's Championships is the ninety-eighth edition of the gathering and more than eighteen thousand bowlers from the United States and other countries will compete during the seventy-nine days of the tournament; the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Japan, and Mexico are among the countries represented; and

WHEREAS, including family members and friends of bowlers, Baton Rouge and the surrounding communities will host some thirty-five thousand visitors in area hotels and restaurants and at cultural events and historic sights; the average stay for participants and guests is three-and-a-half days; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact to the Baton Rouge area is estimated at \$40 million over the course of the tournament, and the United States Bowling Congress expects to hire as many as seventy-five local residents to help with its championship operations; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the city of Baton Rouge and the state of Louisiana for maintaining a superior level of event-host excellence as proven by the return of the United States Bowling Congress' Women's Championships in 2017.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the city of Baton Rouge on hosting the 2017 United States Bowling Congress' Women's Championships; does hereby welcome the tournament participants and guests to the city and state; and does hereby recognize and salute the positive economic impact the championships bring to the economy.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES