

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana on its tenth anniversary and to recognize its outstanding performance and the pride and honor brought to the Asian-American community.

WHEREAS, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana was established in April 2007 as the networking and advocacy entity for locally owned Asian-American businesses that were interrupted, displaced, and rebuilt after Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana, founded by business owner, Tina Nguyen Owen, with the support and collaboration of cofounders, Mr. Quan Huynh, Mr. Quang Nguyen, and Ms. Lucy Chun; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana strives to increase business friendly legislation in all levels of government and assist its members to run their business more effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana recognizes that the Asian-American population in Louisiana is 84,000 people and growing; and

WHEREAS, Tina Owen, its founder, recognizes the growing number of Asian-owned businesses in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the number of Asian owned businesses is 11,000 and continually growing; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana's focus is connecting business owners to share ideas and resources, resulting in numerous networking events sponsored by the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana for its members and potential members; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana facilitates economic ties between Asian and non-Asian businesses while promoting its members' businesses to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana's founding members recognize that Asian buying power in Louisiana is \$3 billion and growing; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana established its First Annual Gala in 2008 with the purpose of recognizing and honoring its business leaders with awards in the following categories: Asian Business Excellence Award, Asian Business Leader Award, and Emerging Asian Business of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana participated in numerous networking events jointly with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana continues to expand its founders' vision of connecting and promoting Asian owned businesses locally, statewide, and globally.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana on its tenth anniversary and does hereby recognize its outstanding performance and the pride and honor brought to the Asian-American community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE