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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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TAX/SALES & USE: Suspends the .45% state sales and use tax levy imposed in R.S. 47:321.1 until 60 days after final adjournment of the 2020 R.S.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2020 Regular Session of the 3 Legislature of Louisiana the provisions of R.S. 47:321.1 that provides for the levy 4 of forty-five hundredths of one percent of state sales and use taxes. 5 WHEREAS, prior to the 2018 Regular and Extraordinary Sessions of the Legislature, 6 the state deficit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was forecasted to be \$1.5 billion; and 7 WHEREAS, the state's financial situation at the time of enacting R.S. 47:321.1 8 required an increase in revenue for the state, including an increase in tax collections to help 9 avert the \$1.5 billion fiscal cliff; and 10 WHEREAS, Act No. 26 of the 2016 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature 11 enacted R.S. 47:321.1, which levied a state sales and use tax at the rate of one percent 12 through June 30, 2018, which was projected to increase revenue collection of the state; and 13 WHEREAS, notwithstanding the fact that the sales tax levy in R.S. 47:321.1 was set 14 to expire on June 30, 2018, during the 2018 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature 15 Act No. 1 enacted a state sales tax levied in R.S. 47:321.1 at the rate of forty-five hundredths 16 of one percent which will expire on June 30, 2025; and 17 WHEREAS, after the temporary sales tax was implemented, the state finished Fiscal 18 Year 2017-2018 with a State General Fund surplus of \$308,053,201; and 19 WHEREAS, at the April 10, 2019, Revenue Estimating Conference meeting the 20 revenue estimate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was increased by \$110 million; and

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1 WHEREAS, at the April 10, 2019, Revenue Estimating Conference meeting the 2 revenue estimate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was increased by \$119.3 million; and 3 WHEREAS, the state is in a better financial situation and no longer needs the 4 additional .45% of state sales and use taxes collected from the citizens of this state, who 5 deserve a break from state sales and use taxes. 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends the provisions of R.S. 47:321.1 that provides for the levy of forty-five hundredth of one 7 8 percent of state sales and use taxes. 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon 10 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after final adjournment

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of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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Suspends until 60 days after the end of the 2020 R.S., the .45% state sales and use tax levied on the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage for use or consumption in this state of each item or article of tangible personal property.

(Suspends R.S. 47:321.1)