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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

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SMALL BUSINESS: Urges and requests the secretary of state to work with the Department of Revenue, the Department of Economic Development, and the office of state procurement to create a central electronic repository of information, resources, training, and opportunities that small, rural, minority, female, and veteran entrepreneurs can access when registering their businesses with the state

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4 a central electronic repository of information, resources, training, and opportunities  
5 that small, rural, minority, female, and veteran entrepreneurs can access when  
6 registering their businesses with the state.

7 WHEREAS, the path to starting a business of any size involves extensive planning,  
8 studying and selecting financial options, and completing certain legal requirements; and

9 WHEREAS, for individuals starting with significant resources, this is an easy path;  
10 however, for the majority of Americans of modest means, starting and growing a business  
11 can be an intimidating, overwhelming, and confusing process; and

12 WHEREAS, while the secretary of state does an excellent job of giving new business  
13 registrants critical website addresses and contact information for finalizing their business  
14 establishments, more information in an easily accessible format could be made available to  
15 unite resources from across state and local government; and

16 WHEREAS, state departments and offices have a plethora of information that can  
17 help the average small business owner, but it is incumbent on the business owner to know  
18 how to access the resources, information, and opportunities offered by each state entity; and

1           WHEREAS, having a centralized portal or electronic repository tying together  
2 resources, information, training, and opportunities from across state and local government  
3 that small, rural, minority, women, and veteran entrepreneurs can access when they establish  
4 their businesses with the secretary of state will help improve business outcomes.

5           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the secretary of state to work with the  
7 Department of Revenue, the Department of Economic Development, and the office of state  
8 procurement to create a central electronic repository of information, resources, training, and  
9 opportunities that small, rural, minority, female, and veteran entrepreneurs can access when  
10 registering their businesses with the state.

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