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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. Expresses support for the off-shore wind industry.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the economic and workforce development opportunities that can be realized  
3 by the State of Louisiana's participation in the offshore wind industry's supply chain.

4 WHEREAS, the Center of Planning Excellence, Greater New Orleans, Inc., The Pew  
5 Charitable Trusts, Southeastern Wind Coalition, and Xodus Group released the report  
6 *Louisiana Offshore Wind Supply Chain Assessment*, which shows that Louisiana stands to  
7 benefit from the expansion of the offshore wind industry nationally and in the Gulf of  
8 Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, some estimates anticipate continued private investment of more than  
10 \$100 billion and the creation of up to fifty thousand jobs in support of the United States'  
11 domestic offshore wind industry; and

12 WHEREAS, Louisiana's leadership in offshore energy production as well as existing  
13 maritime trades, workforce, and manufacturing assets give this state a competitive advantage  
14 to attract new investment and expand businesses in this emerging sector; and

15 WHEREAS, the assessment found that at least fifteen Louisiana companies have  
16 already supplied goods and services for offshore wind projects and more than four hundred  
17 fifty Louisiana companies are capable of supporting the offshore wind industry; and that  
18 offshore-wind adjacent industries employ more than sixty thousand Louisiana workers; and

1           WHEREAS, the assessment additionally found that more than one hundred existing  
2 fabrication and manufacturing assets in Louisiana could support offshore wind development  
3 if coupled with investments to retrain workers or retool or expand operations; and  
4 Louisiana's offshore services sector includes at least one hundred seventy-five companies  
5 with expertise in planning, installation, operations, and decommissioning for offshore oil and  
6 gas that could be applicable for offshore wind; and

7           WHEREAS, the assessment included specific recommendations to secure Louisiana's  
8 position in this rapidly expanding industry and maximizing the economic gains for its  
9 businesses and workforce, including maximize export opportunities; invest in the workforce  
10 and job sites that are offshore-ready; upgrade ports and support shipbuilding; capitalize on  
11 economic benefits of offshore wind; and lean into existing Louisiana offshore energy  
12 leadership.

13           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
14 does hereby recognize the economic and workforce development opportunities of the  
15 offshore wind industry's supply chain, extends sincere appreciation to organizations and  
16 companies evaluating and providing analysis and recommendations for the state to support  
17 the industry and urges and requests that industry and organizations review and implement  
18 the assessment's recommendations for the benefit of Louisiana and its economy.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the  
20 *Louisiana Offshore Wind Supply Chain Assessment* be transmitted to the secretary of the  
21 Department of Economic Development, the secretary of the Louisiana Workforce  
22 Commission, and the secretary of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

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