

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana on its seventy-fifth
3 anniversary as the state's independent voice offering solutions to critical public issues
4 and focusing public attention on those solutions.

5 WHEREAS, the Public Affairs Research Council (PAR) was founded in 1950 when
6 a group of concerned citizens gathered at the Bentley Hotel in Alexandria to form an
7 organization dedicated to making government work better for all of Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, PAR has been a fierce government watchdog leading the charge for
9 public records access, open meetings laws, and ethic reforms, helping to ensure that citizens
10 know what their government is doing; and

11 WHEREAS, PAR has been a leading proponent of state budget reforms through its
12 research, analysis, and legislative testimony, shepherding Louisiana to enact reforms such
13 as a balanced budget requirement, consensus revenue forecasting, a stable "rainy day" fund,
14 and the creation of an independent legislative fiscal staff; and

15 WHEREAS, PAR provides a trove of publications and reports such as the Guide to
16 the Legislature, Citizens' Rights Card, and the Guide to the Constitutional Amendments, the
17 last of which gives a nonpartisan perspective on the propositions set before voters; and

18 WHEREAS, PAR has been a steadfast advocate of education, supporting the creation
19 of Louisiana's community and technical college system, a revamped K-12 public school
20 funding formula with strong accountability measures, and early childhood education; and

1 WHEREAS, PAR was instrumental in the 1973 constitutional convention, presenting
2 facts and thoughtful analysis to the delegates rewriting Louisiana's governing document; and

3 WHEREAS, PAR was made the special master of the 1991 redistricting of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana, which led to equitable reapportionment of single-member districts;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, PAR has concerned itself with the environment, knowing the future of
7 the state depends on a healthy coast; PAR's reports have provided fiscal oversight of the
8 state's spending on coastal restoration and protection while pushing for transparency in the
9 decision-making process; and

10 WHEREAS, PAR remains committed to ensuring the government works for the
11 people by upholding an exemplary reputation for independence, nonpartisanship, and
12 objectivity for the last seventy-five years.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Public Affairs Research Council of
15 Louisiana on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary and does hereby express
16 appreciation for PAR's role as an independent voice offering solutions to critical public
17 issues through research and analysis.

DIGEST

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Commends the Public Affairs Research Council on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.