2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 219

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Black Data Processing Associates (BPDA) for fifty years of developing future IT leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.) and digital technology fields

1   A RESOLUTION

2   To commend Black Data Processing Associates for fifty years of developing future

3   information technology leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture,

4   and Math (S.T.E.A.M.) and digital technology fields.

5   WHEREAS, Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) is a global organization

6   established in 1975 that comprises a varied membership of technical professionals and

7   students across all tiers within the domains of information technology, computer science,

8   data science, policy, media, and associated technical fields; the association's alumni and new

9   members are actively involved in advanced technical grassroots programs, community

10 service, and digital workforce transformation initiatives; and

11   WHEREAS, the mission of BDPA is to establish and maintain a talent pool for future

12 information technology jobs by educating and providing exposure and hands-on training for

13 high school students and young adults; the organization offers students an opportunity to

14 obtain industry certifications in cybersecurity, networking, and infrastructure programming

15 such as block chain, Python, and Java Script; and

16   WHEREAS, the BDPA Monroe Chapter is a nonprofit organization that is led by its

17 founder, EJ Maxwell; the chapter oversees the BDPA S.T.E.A.M. Academy located in

18 Monroe, Louisiana, which offers IT courses for middle school and high school students and

19 young adults from ages eighteen to twenty-eight; these courses provide industry

1   certifications for data science, cybersecurity, Linux, C++ programming, Java coding, and

2   more; and

3   WHEREAS, Black Data Processing Associates and the BDPA Monroe Chapter are

4   most deserving of recognition for their efforts to prepare the Louisiana workforce for the

5   future of the state's digital technology industry.

6   THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the

7   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Black Data Processing Associates for fifty

8   years of developing future information technology leaders in Science, Technology,

9   Engineering, Agriculture, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.) and digital technology fields and does

10   hereby extend enduring appreciation for its contributions to the state.

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