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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 247

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AND ZERINGUE

VETERANS: Authorizes the Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs to study
and determine any needed revisions to the laws establishing the Veteran Court
Program Treatment Act and the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs to study and
3 recommend any needed revisions to the Veterans Court Program Treatment Act and
4 the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program.

5 WHEREAS, the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives are grateful for
6 the security, service, and sacrifice that our military veterans have provided; and

7 WHEREAS, the members recognize that many veterans suffer from co-occurring
8 disorders of substance and opioid misuse and mental health issues and often return from
9 military service damaged physically and mentally; and

10 WHEREAS, the members recognize these issues may lead the suffering veterans into
11 a life of criminal activity and that it is incumbent upon the members to provide the cognitive
12 and rehabilitative assistance these veterans need and deserve; and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has enacted the Veterans Court Program
14 Treatment Act (R.S. 13:5361, et seq.), a specialized court program dedicated to assisting
15 veterans in the criminal court system; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana also enacted the Post-Conviction Veterans
17 Mentor Program (R.S. 15:1199.21, et seq.), a mentoring program working with the Veterans
18 Court program to create an opportunity for veterans convicted of certain offenses to return
19 to society and be successful in their reentry into the workplace.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana, in adopting this Resolution, deems it necessary that the Special
3 Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs study and address the needs of Louisiana
4 veterans and active duty military members involved with the criminal justice system and
5 those suffering from self-medication by evaluating the Veterans Court Program Treatment
6 Act and the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program for the purpose of determining any
7 necessary revisions that would better assist the legislature in providing needed services for
8 our veterans.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee on Military and Veterans
10 Affairs shall provide a report on the status of its evaluation to the House Committee on
11 Judiciary no later than March 9, 2026.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any
15 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter
16 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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