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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 257

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Select Committee on Homeland Security to investigate the recent power outage initiated by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator in southeastern Louisiana.

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2025, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator initiated a power outage to prevent overload on the electric grid; and

WHEREAS, Entergy New Orleans reported that approximately fifty-two thousand customers in Orleans Parish, thirty-six thousand in Jefferson Parish, six thousand five hundred in Plaquemines Parish, and six thousand in St. Bernard Parish were affected, with additional impacts on Cleco customers residing on the Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain; and

WHEREAS, the outage also affected surrounding neighborhoods that include Lakeview, Gentilly, Mid-City, Uptown, Tremé, Marigny, and the Garden District, along with Meraux and Violet in St. Bernard, and Bonnal Place in Metairie; and

WHEREAS, indicators from Entergy's outage map showed that approximately one hundred two thousand seven hundred seventy-one customers were impacted by five o'clock in the afternoon along with outages involving traffic lights not functioning at various intersections; and

WHEREAS, by six-thirty in the evening, some portions of Uptown New Orleans regained power with a projection for complete restoration of power by seven o'clock in the evening and existing delays still prevalent in St. Bernard; and

WHEREAS, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator issued a three-minute warning to Entergy before triggering the power outage, providing minimal time for Louisiana citizens to take necessary precautions; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Public Service Commission offered many factors that contributed to the outage, which included offline generators, the failure of generators, and the power demand exceeding forecasts due to high temperatures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Select Committee on Homeland Security to investigate the recent power outage initiated by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator in southeastern Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES