

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish the Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission.

WHEREAS, the ties that bind the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (United Kingdom) to Louisiana are profound and date back to 1763, prior to the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the United Kingdom and Louisiana are attempting to reinvent their energy, creative arts, academic, and artificial intelligence sectors for success in the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has both historical and practical reasons to build stronger commercial links with the United Kingdom, and for those reasons, it is appropriate to establish the Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish the Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission to reinvent the cultures and economies of Louisiana and the United Kingdom for success, to build a strong commercial link with the United Kingdom, and to propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation, by written report to the governor and to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than October 1, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission shall be comprised of the following members:

(1) One member representing the energy industry, appointed by the president of the Senate.

(2) One member representing the energy industry, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate.

(4) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(5) The commissioner of agriculture.

(6) The commissioner of insurance.

(7) Six members appointed by the governor; which members appointed shall include at least one representative from a public institution of higher education, at least one representative from Louisiana Economic Development, and at least one member of the public representing British-American communities or interests.

(8) The secretary of state or a designee of the secretary of state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appointments shall be made no later than September 1, 2026, and a vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointing was made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purposes of the Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission shall be to:

(1) Advance bilateral trade and investment between Louisiana and the United Kingdom.

(2) Initiate joint action in policy issues of mutual interest to Louisiana and the United Kingdom.

(3) Promote cultural, business, and academic exchanges between Louisiana and the United Kingdom.

(4) Encourage mutual economic support between Louisiana and the United Kingdom.

(5) Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Louisiana and the United Kingdom.

(6) Address any other issues as determined by the commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall meet as necessary and shall report its findings, results, and recommendations to the governor and the Legislature of Louisiana no later than October 1, 2027. The report shall be in writing and include recommendations as deemed appropriate by the commission to effectuate its purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall convene its first meeting no later than October 1, 2026, at the call of the speaker of the House of Representatives, and at the first meeting the members shall elect a chairman and other officers as the commission may deem appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all official actions of the commission shall require the affirmative vote a majority of the members present and voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall terminate on the date of the submission of its report or October 1, 2027, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Legislature of Louisiana and Governor Jeff Landry.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE