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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 362

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the delegation of Associated Grocers Wholesalers, Cain's Family Market, and Delaune's Supermarket on their participation in the National Grocers Association Fly-in for Fair Competition.

WHEREAS, a delegation of local grocers, consisting of Associated Grocers Wholesalers, Cain's Family Market, and Delaune's Supermarket, attended the National Grocers Association (NGA) Fly-in for Fair Competition and met with Speaker Mike Johnson, Majority Leader Steve Scalise, Congressman Cleo Fields, Congresswoman Julia Letlow, Senator Bill Cassidy, and Senator John Kennedy to discuss fair competition for independent local grocers; and

WHEREAS, the NGA represents grocers from across the country, and their central message for the fly-in consisted of reformation for swipe fees, stopping Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) scamming fraud, and enforcing antitrust laws; and

WHEREAS, the Credit Card Competition Act seeks to reform the credit card marketplace and create a free market for credit card fees to benefit local grocers and consumers by lowering the swipe fees incurred by local grocers; and

WHEREAS, the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Act and Enhanced Cybersecurity for SNAP Act seek to address a surge in SNAP benefit scamming that arose during the COVID-19 pandemic; these acts not only create general protections in all states but also ensure a permanent prohibition of processing fees for SNAP EBT transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Robinson-Patman Act was created for the grocery industry to protect fair competition and prevent large corporations from using their power to gain advantages over small businesses and local communities; the law is aimed at protecting both local grocers and consumers from increased food prices and reduced competition and consumer choice; and

WHEREAS, groceries are an essential part of life for all citizens, and independent grocers are integral members of local communities; the Louisiana delegation of local grocers is most deserving of recognition for representing Louisiana communities on the national stage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the delegation of Associated Grocers Wholesalers, Cain's Family Market, and Delaune's Supermarket on their participation in the National Grocers Association Fly-in for Fair Competition and does hereby extend sincere wishes that local grocers in Louisiana continue to prosper in their endeavors to provide affordable necessities to the citizens of the state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES