

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Louisiana Restaurant Association upon the celebration of its seventieth anniversary

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Restaurant Association upon the celebration of its seventieth
3 anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, in 1946, the Louisiana Restaurant Association (LRA) was established
5 to advocate on behalf of the state's foodservice and hospitality industry among elected
6 officials and regulatory agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, the LRA is a trade association governed by a volunteer board of
8 directors; the association supports restaurants and foodservice, owners, operators,
9 franchisees, managers, culinary leaders, caterers, hotels, industry suppliers, and related
10 businesses in Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, the 2016 LRA officers are Katy Casbarian of Arnaud's Restaurant,
12 chair; Fabian Castillo of La Casa Del Sol, vice chair; Greg Reggio of Taste Buds
13 Management, treasurer; and Rob King of Pitt Grills and Southern Kitchens, secretary; and

14 WHEREAS, the LRA partners with the National Restaurant Association to bring
15 Louisiana members more tools and resources needed to advocate on behalf of the state's
16 foodservice and hospitality industry; and

17 WHEREAS, the LRA is one of the biggest business organizations in the state; the
18 restaurant industry in Louisiana is one of the state's largest private employers, providing jobs
19 to more than two hundred thousand residents; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2016, restaurants in Louisiana are expected to generate sales of \$8.7
21 billion; and

1 WHEREAS, the LRA is comprised of nine chapters throughout the state designed
2 to localize member experience by peer to peer interactions, engage in leadership
3 development and cultivation, provide support and advocacy efforts at the local and state
4 level through Hospitality Political Action Committee contributions, and provide
5 philanthropy and connectivity with the LRA Education Foundation (LRAEF); and

6 WHEREAS, the LRAEF is a philanthropic foundation within the LRA; the LRAEF
7 exists to enhance the industry's service to the public through education, community
8 engagement, and promotion of career opportunities; and

9 WHEREAS, the LRAEF scholarship fund was created in 2009 to support the
10 continuing education of individuals pursuing a career in the culinary or hospitality industry;
11 the LRAEF has awarded \$340,000 in scholarships to students in support of their desire to
12 continue their education in the culinary and hospitality industry; and

13 WHEREAS, the LRA's ProStart program is a two-year culinary management
14 program for high school juniors and seniors; the program has a curriculum that is designed
15 to teach students culinary techniques as well as restaurant management skills; and

16 WHEREAS, ProStart exists in sixty schools throughout Louisiana, and more than
17 1,600 students participate in the program; and

18 WHEREAS, since 1982, the LRA Self Insurer's Fund has been the hospitality
19 industry's preferred solution for workers' compensation; and

20 WHEREAS, for sixty-three years, the LRA has served as the proud host of the annual
21 Louisiana Foodservice and Hospitality EXPO, which brings the best tools and opportunities
22 for restaurants and hospitality-related businesses in the Gulf South; and

23 WHEREAS, the LRA ServSafe program provides food safety and sanitation and
24 alcohol and allergens training to the restaurant and hospitality industry; and

25 WHEREAS, in celebration of its seventieth anniversary, the LRA has reintroduced
26 its pelican mascot, Louie, which first appeared in 1950 in the LRA's *A La Carte* magazine,
27 a quarterly publication and the only magazine in Louisiana that is dedicated to the needs of
28 foodservice professionals.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30 commend the Louisiana Restaurant Association upon the celebration of its seventieth

1 anniversary and does hereby extend to all LRA members best wishes for continued success
2 and happiness in the future.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to the president of the Louisiana Restaurant Association.

DIGEST

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