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2017 Regular Session

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Bossier Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the officers and members of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce on the 3 occasion of its seventieth anniversary. WHEREAS, since its inception, the primary objective of the Bossier Chamber of 4 5 Commerce has been to promote the advancement of civic, commercial, industrial, and 6 agricultural interests within the parish and to contribute to the economic development of the Ark-La-Tex region; and 8 WHEREAS, progressive business leaders came together to establish the Chamber 9 of Commerce and form a local organization to act as a conduit between commercial interests 10 and governments to utilize the growth potential of the community; and 11 WHEREAS, on September 5, 1947, the Chamber held its first board meeting and the articles of incorporation were registered in October; and 12 13 WHEREAS, nineteen members were named to the board of directors, followed by 14 the election of the Chamber leadership that included V. V. Whittington as president, A. R. Teague as first vice president, O. A. Teekell as second vice president, and Harry B. Walker 15 as treasurer; and 16 17 WHEREAS, from the original charter membership, nine corporations continue as active members today; these corporations include American Electric Power-Southwestern 18

| 1 | Electric Power Company (AEP-SWEPCO), Builders Supply Company, Inc., CenterPoint |
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| 2 | Energy, Shreveport Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Maddox and Hughes Insurance Agency, |
| 3 | Montgomery Agency, Inc., Pulley-White Insurance Agency, Inc., Red River Motor |
| 4 | Company, and The Shreveport Times newspaper; and |
| 5 | WHEREAS, over the next seven decades, the diverse membership of the Bossier |
| 6 | Chamber of Commerce has promoted free enterprise and entrepreneurship; the Chamber has |
| 7 | grown to become a network of more than nine hundred members operating in seven states |
| 8 | and thirty-seven cities throughout the nation; and |
| 9 | WHEREAS, the Bossier Chamber has advanced innovative partnerships to create |
| 10 | community service projects, such as, the Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council that |
| 11 | acts as the primary liaison between the civilian and business community and the leadership |
| 12 | of Barksdale Air Force Base and the Keep Bossier Beautiful anti-littering campaign; and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, a Chamber health initiative brought about essential public health |
| 14 | services with establishment of the first medical emergency room in Bossier City; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS, an agreement between the Chamber and the Bossier Parish School |
| 16 | Board resulted in the Bossier Youth Leadership Program; and |
| 17 | WHEREAS, this partnership represents an investment in motivated high school |
| 18 | students who train for leadership roles and gain valuable experience; and |
| 19 | WHEREAS, the Chamber is an effective advocate for economic development in both |
| 20 | Bossier and Caddo parishes and the Ark-La-Tex industrial infrastructure that includes |
| 21 | service industries, multi-modal transportation centers, active and retired military, and |
| 22 | manufacturing networks; and |
| 23 | WHEREAS, the legacy of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce remains that of an |
| 24 | influential, vital, and dynamic force for the cultivation of economic potential in a prosperous |
| 25 | community; and |
| 26 | WHEREAS, for seventy years the Bossier Chamber of Commerce has served as an |
| 27 | integral component that makes this community a great place in which to live, work, and play. |
| 28 | THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby |
| 29 | commend the officers and members of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce on the occasion |

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of its seventieth anniversary.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend 2 best wishes to the Bossier Chamber of Commerce for continued growth and success in the 3 future. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to 4 5 David Specht Jr., chairman of the Board of Directors, Lisa Johnson, President and CEO, and 6 Terry Moore, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce. The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague. **DIGEST** 2017 Regular Session

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Commends the Bossier Chamber of Commerce on its 70th Anniversary.

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