

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVES MAGEE, AMEDEE, AND ZERINGUE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Monday, May 22, 2017, as LUMCON at the Capitol Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Monday, May 22, 2017, as LUMCON Day at the state capitol and to commend
3 the members of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium for Research and
4 Education.

5 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana commends the members of the Louisiana Universities Marine
7 Consortium for Research and Education (LUMCON), the state's greatest marine science
8 asset, created to promote, facilitate, and conduct research and education collaborations
9 among Louisiana's universities in marine and coastal sciences relevant to the sustainability
10 of coastal and marine environments of the Gulf of Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, founded in 1979, LUMCON has become a leading marine research and
12 education consortium which stimulates, coordinates, and facilitates scientific research among
13 the marine science and education programs within Louisiana; and

14 WHEREAS, LUMCON connects the consortium's members so as to enhance
15 research collaboration and exchange partnerships by removing barriers for collaboration and
16 leveraging group knowledge, bolstering marine research of scientists, providing
17 infrastructure needed by its members, providing and creating innovative science-infused
18 field and skill courses, continuing to build tools and processes needed for a healthy
19 consortium, and expanding its network; and

20 WHEREAS, LUMCON is transforming marine science in Louisiana by contributing
21 to science and conservation in meaningful and profound ways through leveraging of assets

1 like the DeFelice Marine Center, a world-class fleet of research vessels, and an
2 environmental monitoring program; and

3 WHEREAS, LUMCON operates and maintains one of the largest fleets of research
4 vessels along the Gulf of Mexico; with a long and distinguished career of service,
5 LUMCON's marine operations are unmatched in the Gulf of Mexico and have gained respect
6 from researchers and educators worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, the R/V Pelican is the flagship of LUMCON's research fleet and is
8 outfitted to conduct a variety of oceanographic research missions; the reliability, utility, and
9 seaworthiness of the vessel and the crew has been exhibited since 1985, and its effectiveness
10 is heralded by the scientific community; often referred to by oceanographers as the
11 "Workhouse of the Gulf", the R/V Pelican has a long track record of excellence in scientific
12 research; and

13 WHEREAS, LUMCON is committed to strengthening the marine science community
14 through education and outreach initiatives; and

15 WHEREAS, LUMCON's education program purpose is to enable the development
16 of the next generation of marine scientists and ocean-literate citizens by providing
17 meaningful and relevant place-based and skill-based experiences for all, while aiming to
18 have significant impacts on Louisiana's diverse citizenry including those populations
19 underrepresented and underserved in marine science; and

20 WHEREAS, LUMCON is currently finalizing a strategic plan to guide the
21 organization to a position of greater service, science, and sustainability; and

22 WHEREAS, LUMCON stands strong on its values of the highest quality of education
23 programs, scientific inquiry, academic integrity, exchange of ideas and information,
24 opportunities for students who are underrepresented in marine science, and increasing
25 societal awareness of the environmental, economic, and cultural value of Louisiana's coast.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
27 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, May 22, 2017, as LUMCON Day
28 at the state capitol and does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the
29 members of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium for Research and Education for
30 the tremendous honor and pride that they bring to the state of Louisiana.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the Louisiana Board of Regents.

DIGEST

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