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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request owners and employees of public establishments who provide television viewing for patrons to utilize closed captioning when available.

WHEREAS, television plays a large role in our society and broadcasts news, entertainment, sporting events, and emergency information; and

WHEREAS, approximately fifteen percent of American adults aged eighteen and older report some trouble hearing; and

WHEREAS, many public establishments, such as bars and restaurants, publically display television programming for patrons; and

WHEREAS, the Television Decoder Circuitry Act of 1990 requires all televisions with a screen thirteen inches or larger to be equipped with closed captioning circuitry; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the Federal Communications Commission has required all video programming distributors to provide captioning for all new, non-exempt, television programming; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Deaf advocates for the display of closed captions at all times on all televisions located in public places, such as waiting rooms, lounges, and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Association for the Deaf, as an official delegate of the National Association for the Deaf, advocates for use of closed captioning when television is broadcast in public places in the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request any owner or employee of a business who provides public television viewing for patrons display closed captions when possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, the president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, the president of the Louisiana Hospitality Foundation, the president of the Louisiana Hotel and Lodging Association, the chairman of the Louisiana Restaurant Association, and the state director of the Louisiana Small Business Development Center.

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