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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1919, Henry Norman "Cap" Saurage, Sr., founded an extraordinary coffee company to honor his friends, his neighbors, and his community; in celebration of Community Coffee's one hundredth year, it is appropriate to commend the company; and

6 WHEREAS, Community Coffee, the largest family-owned and operated retail coffee
7 brand in America, is an enduring company that serves as a resource to its employees,
8 customers, and communities; four generations of the Saurage family have operated the
9 company since its founding a century ago; and

10 WHEREAS, the company dedicates approximately 2.5% of its pretax earnings to
11 charitable, socially-responsible programs regionally, nationally, and internationally;
12 Community Coffee Company supports disaster relief efforts and provides coffee to shelters,
13 first responders, and others affected by such disasters; and

14 WHEREAS, for thirty years Community Cash for Schools has helped schools across
15 the southern United States earn more than \$7.4 million to serve students' needs: acquiring
16 textbooks, computers, playground equipment, and even a bird sanctuary for a science class;
17 in 2018 more than eight hundred schools earned over \$300,000 through the program; and

18 WHEREAS, the Dream Teachers H. Norman Saurage III Service Award annually
19 recognizes a Louisiana public school teacher or education professional for outstanding
20 service to the community; all finalists receive a year's supply of free coffee and the winner
21 receives a grant; and

1 WHEREAS, the company's Military Match Program supports American troops
2 stationed abroad by doubling online orders sent to active-duty military personnel; the intent
3 of the program is to remind each and every service member that they are missed, they are
4 loved, and they are respected; and

5 WHEREAS, Community Coffee conducts a variety of social support programs for
6 coffee farmers in Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico; the company's partnership with Southwest
7 Airlines has helped open two satellite schools in Chipas, Mexico, where residents have
8 historically been challenged by the terrain and climate to reach schools in far-away towns;
9 Community Coffee provides educational programming about agriculture, health, safety, and
10 wellness in the Mexican villages of Buenavista and Tierra y Libertad; and

11 WHEREAS, Community Coffee merits a special measure of commendation for its
12 steadfast dedication to excellence over the past one hundred years and the tremendous pride
13 and honor it brings to the state of Louisiana.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 commend Community Coffee on its centennial celebration; does hereby recognize and
16 record for posterity the company's regional, national, and international philanthropic efforts;
17 and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success in the future.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
19 to Donna Saurage.

DIGEST

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Commends Community Coffee on its centennial celebration.