

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

REPRESENTATIVE STEVE CARTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Community Coffee on its centennial celebration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE