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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize and support the "Know Before You Fly" campaign as an official source of safety education for prospective and active operators of unmanned aircraft systems in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, excitement and enthusiasm surrounding unmanned aircraft systems continue to grow and more consumers are seeking unmanned aircraft systems for personal and business use; and

WHEREAS, the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the National Airspace System promises to drive new economic development and consumer choice, promote more responsible stewardship of natural resources, facilitate more effective emergency response and disaster recovery, and improve the efficiency and security of energy, transportation, and communications networks; and

WHEREAS, direct operation of unmanned aircraft systems, for both commercial and noncommercial use, is growing rapidly, with more than one million aircraft already registered; and

WHEREAS, the development and adoption of services provided by unmanned aircraft systems are expected to generate billions of new economic activities and create thousands of new jobs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of unmanned aircraft systems, both for noncommercial and commercial purposes, is necessary for continued innovation, economic activity, and public benefit; and

WHEREAS, prospective operators of unmanned aircraft systems must understand and abide by relevant requirements and limitations to ensure the safe operation of such systems; and

WHEREAS, the regulatory framework for unmanned aircraft systems continues to develop, including steps by the Federal Aviation Administration to integrate unmanned aircraft systems into the National Airspace System and issuance of operational requirements for small unmanned aircraft systems operations in the airspace; and

WHEREAS, easily accessible and freely available information regarding current guidance for safe and responsible unmanned aircraft systems operations provides certainty to unmanned aircraft system owners and operators, maximizes the public benefits of unmanned aircraft systems, and mitigates risks to public safety and security; and

WHEREAS, "Know Before You Fly" is an educational campaign founded by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International and the Academy of Model Aeronautics in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration to educate prospective users about the safe and responsible operation of unmanned aircraft systems; and

WHEREAS, the "Know Before You Fly" educational campaign has developed relationships with more than one hundred fifty supporters, including unmanned aircraft manufacturers, law enforcement agencies, retailers, labor organizations, and institutions of higher education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and support the "Know Before You Fly" program as an official source of safety education for prospective and active operators of unmanned aircraft systems in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES