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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

UNEMPLOYMENT COMP: Memorializes congress to discontinue federal unemployment compensation benefits

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to
3	discontinue the federal unemployment compensation benefits to help incentivize
4	United States workers to return to work and to help rejuvenate the workforce, which
5	continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
6	WHEREAS, the CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, and it
7	expanded a state's ability to provide unemployment compensation benefits for workers
8	impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
9	WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which was signed into law on
10	March 11, 2021, provides additional payments of three hundred dollars per week, until
11	September 6, 2021, to certain individuals who qualify for unemployment benefits; and
12	WHEREAS, the purpose of unemployment benefits is to provide temporary financial
13	assistance to a worker unemployed through no fault of his own; and
14	WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has not only impacted United States residents
15	and workers, but it has also left a staggering economic impact on businesses; and
16	WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses had to temporarily,
17	and in some cases, permanently, shut down and layoff employees; and
18	WHEREAS, with several vaccination options now available throughout the country
19	and with people utilizing those options, the country is returning to some semblance of
20	normalcy and as a result, businesses are also opening to full capacity and are beginning the
21	process of recovering from the collateral effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, in order for businesses to recover from the collateral effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, they need workers to return back to work; and 2 3 WHEREAS, there is some uncertainty with the extension of federal unemployment 4 compensation benefits that employees will want to return to work and instead rather 5 continue to receive unemployment compensation benefits; and 6 WHEREAS; if United States workers continue to receive federal unemployment compensation benefits in addition to state unemployment compensation benefits, they may 7 8 not be incentivized to return to work, and as such the country's workforce and businesses 9 will continue to suffer. 10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 11 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to discontinue 12 the federal unemployment compensation benefits to help incentivize United States workers 13 to return to work and to help rejuvenate the workforce, which continues to be impacted by 14 the COVID-19 pandemic. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 16 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the 17 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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