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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

PUBLIC OFFLS/EMPS: Requests that payment for lodging, meals, or incidental expenses for state public officials and employees not exceed the amounts for such expenses established by the United States General Services Administration

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request each agency within the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of
3	state government to limit payments or reimbursements for lodging, meals, or
4	incidental expenses for its officials and employees to no more than the amounts for
5	such expenses established by the United States General Services Administration.
6	WHEREAS, a "per diem" or day rate is a fixed amount of reimbursement paid for
7	daily lodging, meals, and incidental expenses incurred in work-related travel; and
8	WHEREAS, every year the United States General Services Administration (GSA)
9	sets per diem for destinations within the continental United States based upon the
10	destination's cost of living; and
11	WHEREAS, by utilizing the per diem rates established by the GSA, state agencies
12	can establish a much more predictable travel budget and avoid unexpected expenses that
13	may arise; and
14	WHEREAS, using the established GSA per diem rates eliminates the need to keep
15	and submit receipts for individual expenses, which reduces the administrative burden on
16	both the individual and the state agency; and
17	WHEREAS, using the established GSA per diem rates simplifies the tax reporting
18	process for both the individual and state agency and avoids potential noncompliance.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the

- 2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each agency in the executive,
- 3 legislative, and judicial branches of state government to limit payments or reimbursements
- 4 for lodging, meals, or incidental expenses for its officials and employees to no more than the
- 5 amounts for such expenses established by the United States General Services

6 Administration.

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Requests every agency in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government to limit payments or reimbursements for lodging, meals, or incidental expenses for its officials and employees to no more than the amounts for such expenses established by the U.S. General Services Administration.