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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY SENATOR HARRIS

LOCAL OFFICIALS. Requests the city of New Orleans to develop and implement initiatives to attract quality retail and dining establishments to certain areas of the city.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the city of New Orleans to develop and implement initiatives to attract
3	quality retail and dining establishments to neighborhoods east of the Industrial Canal
4	and to those within planning districts seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven.
5	WHEREAS, increasing access to quality retail and dining establishments is an
6	important strategy for improving the economic viability and nutritional health of
7	underserved communities within the city of New Orleans; and
8	WHEREAS, prior to 2005, there were numerous retail and dining establishments
9	located throughout the city of New Orleans that provided the city's residents with a multitude
10	of quality shopping and dining options; and
11	WHEREAS, in 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused catastrophic damage to many areas
12	of the city, including the destruction of many of these retail and dining establishments; and
13	WHEREAS, in the wake of the recession, many department stores, malls, and dining
14	establishments throughout the United States, including some in the city of New Orleans,
15	were forced to close their doors as consumers began tightening their belts in the face of
16	stagnant wages and reduced employment opportunities; and
17	WHEREAS, since that time, very few quality retail and dining establishments have
18	returned to the neighborhoods east of the Industrial Canal or to those within planning

1	districts seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven; and		
2	WHEREAS, in these areas, there has been an influx of dollar stores, or deep-discount		
3	retailers, that do not offer quality merchandise or fresh fruits, vegetables, or other healthy		
4	food; and		
5	WHEREAS, it is imperative that the city attract quality retail and dining		
6	establishments to these areas as they will become economic anchors in the community,		
7	providing merchandise and fresh food at competitive prices, creating jobs, and attracting		
8	additional investment; and		
9	WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans should work diligently to ensure that all		
10	residents of the city of New Orleans have access to quality merchandise and healthy food.		
11	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana		
12	does hereby urge and request the city of New Orleans to develop and implement initiatives		
13	to attract quality retail and dining establishments to neighborhoods east of the Industrial		
14	Canal and to those within planning districts seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven.		
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the		
16	mayor of the city of New Orleans.		

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Lebra R. Bias.

	DIGEST	
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