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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR FIELDS

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to study implementation of real-time community air monitoring and notification systems.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to study the implementation of real-time community air monitoring and notification systems for emission sources. 3 4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's mission is to 5 provide comprehensive environmental protection in order to promote and protect human 6 health, safety, and welfare; and 7 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the 8 legislature to enact laws to protect, conserve, and replenish the natural resources of the state, 9 including the air, insofar as possible and consistent with the health, safety, and welfare of 10 the people; and 11 WHEREAS, clean air is a necessity of life for ourselves, plant and animal life, and the entire ecosystem, and polluted air endangers life, nature, and property; and 12 13 WHEREAS, air pollution presents serious risks to health, including short-term and 14 chronic respiratory ailments, and in extreme cases, the release of toxic chemicals carry the 15 threat of birth defects, heart disease and other long-term illnesses, cancer, and possibly 16 death; and WHEREAS, Louisiana is blessed with a convergence of natural resources: plentiful 17 18 petroleum, natural gas, water, forests, fisheries, and avenues of transportation, including the

1	Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico; and
2	WHEREAS, industry is a major economic engine for our state, employing many of
3	Louisiana's citizens, supporting small businesses, and contributing, both directly and
4	indirectly, substantial revenue to the tax rolls of state and local governments; and
5	WHEREAS, industry and government must cooperate to ensure that Louisiana's
6	economic productivity does not come at the expense of human health and a clean
7	environment; and
8	WHEREAS, Louisiana has many emission sources under the Title V Clean Air Act
9	permit program, and reducing pollution and its negative consequences would bolsten
10	economic growth; and
11	WHEREAS, communities located near industrial facilities may be disproportionately
12	impacted by air pollution and its many adverse effects; and
13	WHEREAS, community air monitoring systems could play a critical role in assessing
14	air quality, identifying sources of pollution, and implementing measures to mitigate harmful
15	emissions, thereby promoting transparency and cooperation between government, industry
16	and the public; and
17	WHEREAS, air monitoring systems can detect hazardous air pollutants and criteria
18	pollutants, provide real-time notification to first responders, neighboring communities, and
19	government agencies, and enable informed decision-making when emissions pose a threat
20	to public health; and
21	WHEREAS, air monitoring systems are in operation throughout the country near
22	major emission sources, demonstrating their viability and reliability.
23	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24	recognize the critical importance of air monitoring of industrial pollution sources in
25	safeguarding public health and protecting the environment.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
27	and request the Department of Environmental Quality to study the implementation of real-
28	time community air monitoring and notification systems that could increase public
29	awareness of pollution and unplanned releases, thereby protecting life and property.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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1 secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

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