

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY SENATOR CONNICK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and recognizes the staff of Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and recognize the staff of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development  
3 Commission for the organization's outstanding accomplishments and the staff's  
4 dedication to public service and exemplary work in strengthening the economy and  
5 improving the quality of life for the citizens of Jefferson Parish.

6 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) is  
7 an independent yet complementary arm of the Jefferson Parish government, devoted to  
8 building a resilient, equitable, diverse, and competitive economy through job retention and  
9 creation, entrepreneurship, innovation, and strategic investment; and

10 WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1987, JEDCO has been a steadfast partner in  
11 progress for Jefferson Parish, assisting thousands of businesses through incubator and loan  
12 programs, tax incentives, workforce development initiatives, and business information  
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, JEDCO achieved Accreditation as an Economic Development  
15 Organization (AEDO) by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and has  
16 been recognized internationally as a premier economic development organization for the  
17 fifth time in seventeen years, making it the longest continuously serving AEDO in Louisiana  
18 and the second longest in the Gulf South; and

1 WHEREAS, the AEDO designation is a prestigious recognition granted only after  
2 a rigorous peer-review process, indicating that JEDCO meets the highest standards of  
3 professionalism, accountability, and success in economic development; and

4 WHEREAS, JEDCO's values of integrity, dynamic approach, collaboration, and  
5 service orientation guide its work in empowering businesses and enriching the Jefferson  
6 Parish community equitably and inclusively; and

7 WHEREAS, JEDCO's recent achievements include but are not limited to:

8 (1) Facilitating the redevelopment of the historic Avondale Shipyard;

9 (2) Supporting Ochsner Health System's major expansion along Jefferson Highway;

10 (3) Retaining and assisting the expansion of US Foods' state-of-the-art distribution  
11 center;

12 (4) Attracting over \$1 billion in foreign direct investment from companies such as  
13 CF Industries, UBE, and Bunge;

14 (5) Establishing Jefferson Parish as a leader in wind energy innovation through its  
15 work with Gulf Wind Technology;

16 (6) Completing a strategic plan for the Churchill Technology & Business Park to  
17 support future mixed-use development;

18 (7) Securing funding for the Greater New Orleans Food & Beverage Incubator;

19 (8) Advancing sustainability and resilience in the local seafood industry through  
20 innovative branding of Grand Isle oysters;

21 (9) Supporting the expansion of local businesses, including RNGD's 14-acre campus,  
22 ORACLE Lighting's Fat City facility, and Perrone & Sons' new production site;

23 (10) Launching the impactful "MORE HERE" attraction campaign to showcase the  
24 parish's strengths;

25 (11) Promoting neighborhood revitalization through projects like the construction of  
26 a model home in Terrytown; and

27 (12) Securing \$600,000 in federal grant funding for the redevelopment of local  
28 brownfield sites; and

29 WHEREAS, the continued efforts and accomplishments of the dedicated JEDCO  
30 staff serve as a model of excellence in public service and economic leadership, benefitting

1       the businesses and residents of Jefferson Parish and the state of Louisiana as a whole.

2               THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
3       does hereby recognize and commend the staff of the Jefferson Parish Economic  
4       Development Commission for their vision, dedication, and continued commitment to  
5       fostering economic growth and opportunity in Jefferson Parish.

6               BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
7       JEDCO President and Chief Executive Officer Jerry Bologna.

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      The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
      of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
      The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof  
      or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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