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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 339

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry on the occasion of its  
3 fiftieth anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) is driven  
5 by its mission to champion a vibrant and sustainable business climate in Louisiana by  
6 promoting free enterprise to drive economic opportunities, improving the lives of everyday  
7 citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, LABI was established on September 4, 1975, by consolidating the  
9 Louisiana State Chamber of Commerce, the Louisiana Manufacturers Association, and the  
10 Louisiana Political Council; the board of directors selected Ed Steimel to lead the  
11 organization as its first president; and

12 WHEREAS, the core values of LABI are as follows: to act with honesty and uphold  
13 the highest moral and ethical principles; to promote teamwork, open communication, and  
14 collective problem solving on any endeavor; to exhibit determination, passion, agility, and  
15 persistence to reach a goal; to strive for the highest professional quality in all initiatives,  
16 programs, and interactions; and to treat all individuals with dignity while being considerate  
17 of their time and commitments; and

18 WHEREAS, LABI represents more than two thousand Louisiana employers, and it  
19 is the only association that represents businesses of all sizes from a statewide multi-industry  
20 perspective; the organization serves its broad membership by working towards the singular

1 goal of fostering a climate for economic growth through consistently championing the  
2 principles of the free enterprise system; and

3 WHEREAS, LABI advocates by providing policymakers with the information and  
4 perspective necessary to advance sound public policy that supports strong economic growth;  
5 the organization proudly serves as Louisiana's official state partner to the U.S. Chamber of  
6 Commerce and Louisiana's official state chapter for the National Association of  
7 Manufacturers; and

8 WHEREAS, LABI and its members stand for a straightforward and competitive tax  
9 structure, a robust education and workforce development system, fiscal responsibility and  
10 transparency in government, a positive labor environment that promotes job creation, a free  
11 enterprise system that limits government intrusion in the marketplace, and fair and stable  
12 laws and regulations that encourage economic development and do not mandate  
13 unreasonable costs on businesses and consumers; and

14 WHEREAS, for fifty years, LABI has used its credibility to work with legislators to  
15 create a pro-business climate that grows the Louisiana economy; and

16 WHEREAS, LABI has earned numerous awards and national recognition for its work  
17 in Louisiana and its leadership in service to other chambers of commerce and manufacturing  
18 associations across the United States, both of which are undertaken in collaboration with the  
19 U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers; and

20 WHEREAS, for five decades, LABI has stood at the forefront of lobbying efforts to  
21 improve Louisiana's business environment by promoting investment and creating jobs, and  
22 the organization is most deserving of the highest recognition for its contributions to the  
23 growth of our state.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Association of Business and  
26 Industry on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and does hereby extend enduring  
27 appreciation for its service to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

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Commends La. Assoc. of Business and Industry on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.