

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR FESI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the "LIFTOff Louisiana" team led by the Department of Transportation and Development's office of multimodal commerce with key support from the Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission and the Gulf of America Center of Excellence (UGC) for Large-Unmanned Aircraft Systems, and their many partners for their roles in developing a highly successful response to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) request for proposals for the Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing and Advanced Air Mobility Aircraft Integration Pilot Program.

WHEREAS, the LIFTOff Louisiana team has worked and will continue to work with public and private partners under the guidance of the FAA on a range of specific projects while adhering to high aviation safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the team and their partners will demonstrate advances in aviation technological capabilities and operational concepts; and

WHEREAS, the LIFTOff Louisiana team seeks to advance ambitious national priorities in key areas that serve the public interest, including piloted and unmanned approaches to air mobility, research and development, emergency management services, medical transportation, and novel technologies supporting offshore logistics operations; and

WHEREAS, the team's initiatives demonstrate broad public benefits, including enhanced safety, reduced noise impacts, workforce development, improved traffic and supply chain management, and strengthened interagency collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the data and lessons learned from these initiatives inform policies that support operations at scale while maintaining the highest safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the team prioritizes a safety-first approach in informing standards and guiding future policy development; and

WHEREAS, the legislature is proud to honor and recognize the Department of Transportation and Development's office of multimodal commerce, the Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission, and the UGC.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Department of Transportation and Development's office of multimodal commerce, the Houma-Terrebonne Airport, and the Gulf of America Center of Excellence for Large-Unmanned Aircraft Systems for their outstanding work and does hereby commend the "LIFTOff Louisiana" team for their highly successful selection as one of only eight nationally recognized Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing and Advanced Air Mobility Aircraft Integration Pilot Program proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor of Louisiana, the commissioner of the Department of Transportation and Development's office of multimodal commerce, the chairman of the Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission, and the director of the Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES