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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the efforts of the United States that are designed to enhance and develop foreign markets for goods and services through federal programs.

WHEREAS, small businesses are the foundation from which America builds its economic strength; and

WHEREAS, there are over seven million small businesses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, America's small businesses employ over eighty-five percent of all American workers; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana endorses measures designed to ease and increase the success of small businesses by easing the regulatory burden on the small business community through such legislative initiatives as the model state Regulatory Flexibility Act; and

WHEREAS, approximately two thousand American small businesses export their goods or services for consumption outside the borders of the United States; and

WHEREAS, workers in export-related jobs receive wages that are thirteen to eighteen percent higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, exports of goods and services from the United States support nearly twelve million domestic jobs; and

WHEREAS, one out of every five domestic manufacturing jobs is closely tied to exportation; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five percent of American agricultural products are sold to foreign markets; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has numerous export promotion and finance programs designed to benefit local businesses, such as those offered by the United States Department of Commerce's Commercial Service, the United States Export-Import

Bank, the United States Small Business Administration, and the United States Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service; and

WHEREAS, these programs work to develop foreign markets for goods and services and provide financing for export sales at little or no risk to the domestic business entity; and

WHEREAS, economic growth and job security can be found through the development of new markets overseas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the efforts of the United States government to support the export of goods and services by the small businesses of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, the president of the United States Senate, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of Louisiana's congressional delegation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE