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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 170

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the governor and the Department of Economic Development to embrace and support any and every activity, project, or opportunity that could provide monetary aid to local political subdivisions to provide infrastructure or services supporting businesses interested in locating or in the process of building or expanding in a rural or lower populated area, thus creating job growth and stimulating the economy.

WHEREAS, because of the special problems facing rural Louisiana, every opportunity should be taken and extra effort should be made to promote growth in those areas; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is a predominately rural state, having the largest majority of its land area located in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, over a quarter of Louisiana citizens reside in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has a much higher rate of poverty in the rural areas; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to address poverty and unemployment in the rural areas of Louisiana, and it takes the success of the rural communities to fuel further economic development in the state; and

WHEREAS, it is important to identify the barriers and provide solutions to create economic development in the state's rural areas and to promote and enhance the location or expansion of business and industries in these areas; and

WHEREAS, the lack of access to quality jobs is particularly acute and constitutes a significant reason for poverty in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the governor and the Department of Economic Development should explore every available opportunity to help local governmental entities attract and keep businesses and industries in rural areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the governor and the Department of Economic Development to embrace and support any and every activity, project, or opportunity that could provide monetary aid to local political subdivisions to provide infrastructure or services supporting businesses interested in locating or in the process of building or expanding in a rural or lower populated area, thus creating job growth and stimulating the economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor and the secretary of the Department of Economic Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE