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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY AND JIM MORRIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the staff from the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research who are participating in the Southern Legislative Conference Legislative Staff Exchange Program and to welcome them to the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the members and staff of the Louisiana House of Representatives are delighted and honored to welcome legislative staff from the great state of Arkansas as part of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) Legislative Staff Exchange Program; and

WHEREAS, the concept of the staff exchange program is to allow legislative staffers throughout the South to visit other participating SLC states in order to meet their staff counterparts; and

WHEREAS, while a visit during session is not a requirement of the program, the Pelican State welcomes the legislative staff from the Natural State during this time so they can experience the House of Representatives and all of its moving parts as it operates during session; and

WHEREAS, during the exchange, staff of the two legislatures will discuss their respective practices and procedures, and the visitors will be immersed in the institutional culture of the host state; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana staff will benefit from this exchange of ideas and insights and look forward to the opportunity to learn from their counterparts about legislative procedures and traditions in Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, this program will continue to strengthen the skills of legislative staffers throughout the fifteen member states that make up the SLC and their respective legislative institutions; and

WHEREAS, this exciting program is being sponsored by the SLC, the largest of the four regional legislative groups operating under The Council of State Governments (CSG); and

WHEREAS, this exchange program has a rich history in Louisiana as the House of Representatives was the first host state, hosting a visit from Virginia staff in 2008 and, in exchange, Louisiana staff visited the Virginia Assembly in 2009; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a special measure of commendation be extended to the staff of the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research upon their visit to the Louisiana State Capitol and to the Southern Legislative Conference for their sponsorship and continued support of this innovative and beneficial program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the staff members of the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research who are participating in the Southern Legislative Conference Legislative Staff Exchange Program, does hereby express enduring appreciation to them for the tremendous pride they bring to the state of Louisiana upon their historic visit, and does hereby sincerely welcome them to the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby express its sincere gratitude to the Southern Legislative Conference for its support of the Legislative Staff Exchange Program and for its efforts in facilitating the present visit of the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research to Baton Rouge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff members of House Legislative Services of the Louisiana House of Representatives look forward with excitement and anticipation of their exchange visit to the Arkansas State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Martha "Marty" Garrity, Director, Bureau of Legislative Research, State of Arkansas, and Colleen Cousineau, Executive Director, SLC.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES