

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Options for Independence for its Gulf Coast Marketplace initiative, an e-commerce solution for community recovery.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2010, the Gulf Coast region was greatly changed by the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill; impacting individual lives and the economies along the coastal parishes; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has weathered numerous hurricanes, but this new type of offshore disaster challenged us to develop new disaster response and recovery methods; and

WHEREAS, Options For Independence, a not-for-profit entity headquartered in Houma, Louisiana works in partnership with the state to provide crisis counseling and outreach services to people impacted by hurricanes through the "Louisiana Spirit" program; and

WHEREAS, Options For Independence recently announced the development of the Gulf Coast Marketplace, as an e-commerce website and innovative consignment shop for hand crafted products and services created by people living along the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Gulf Coast Marketplace is to contribute to community recovery by providing opportunities for economic growth and financial independence to individuals and families, especially those impacted by recent disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast Marketplace will serve as an economic stimulator long term for the Gulf Coast region while celebrating the rich diversity of the many cultures that exist in this Southern corridor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Options for Independence for its Gulf Coast Marketplace initiative as an innovative approach to community recovery and economic development for Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Options for Independence.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES