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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the city of New Orleans to enforce ordinances that prohibit littering on or near the premises of commercial retail establishments and to take all necessary steps to collect payment from the owners of properties that house such establishments and the lessees of such owners for fines imposed for violations of these ordinances, including the suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of all occupational licenses and other permits granted to the owners and lessees for the legal operation of a commercial retail establishment.

WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans is a vibrant and lively city and a major driver of the state's economy as it is an annual destination for millions of conventioners and tourists from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the city recognize that effective litter control and enforcement protects the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and enhances the beauty and quality of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the city's residents, civic leaders, and business owners have a mutual interest in maintaining all property located in the city in a safe and sanitary condition; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the New Orleans City Council has adopted many ordinances that prohibit littering within the city and many residents, business owners, and tourists have received fines for violations of these ordinances; and

WHEREAS, recently, the amount of litter found on or near the premises of commercial retail establishments has increased significantly and the owners of properties that house these establishments and the lessees of such owners have repeatedly been found in violation of the city's litter ordinances; and

WHEREAS, many of the owners and lessees have refused to pay the fines imposed and the city has not been vigilant in collecting these fines and has continued to grant occupational licenses and other business permits to these owners and lessees; and

WHEREAS, the city must take immediate action to curb littering on or near the premises of commercial retail establishments as this matter is generating enormous concern within the community and has risen to the level of a public nuisance by interfering with the comfort and convenience of the general public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the city of New Orleans to enforce ordinances that prohibit littering on or near the premises of commercial retail establishments and to take all necessary steps to collect payment from the owners of properties that house such establishments and the lessees of such owners for fines imposed for violations of these ordinances, including the suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of all occupational licenses and other permits granted to the owners and lessees for the legal operation of a commercial retail establishment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the New Orleans City Council.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES