

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To commend The Arc Baton Rouge on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, The Arc Baton Rouge was started by a group of parents in 1954 who were concerned that their children with intellectual and developmental disabilities were not being properly served by local schools; and

WHEREAS, prior to The Arc Baton Rouge, there were no programs in the Baton Rouge area for children with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities; this led to families having to make difficult decisions and sacrifices to provide care for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, The Arc Baton Rouge has served the needs of individuals of all ages by offering services such as Early Steps, day habilitation, both in-home and center-based respite, supported independent living, and employment services; today, The Arc provides services to over one hundred fifty individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend The Arc Baton Rouge for seventy years of support for intellectually and developmentally disabled children and their families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend The Arc Baton Rouge on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of The Arc Baton Rouge, J.P. Gaspard.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE