

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

UNEMPLOYMENT COMP: Memorializes the United States Congress to extend the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program to help the state of Louisiana continue its economic recovery and to provide support to the administration of the Louisiana Workforce Commission

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to extend the Federal Pandemic Unemployment
3 Compensation program to help the state of Louisiana continue its economic recovery
4 and provide support to the administration of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

5 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act,
6 Public Law 116-136, was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and
7 signed into law on March 27, 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, the purpose of the CARES Act is to protect the American people from
9 the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19; and

10 WHEREAS, the CARES Act provided swift and direct economic assistance for
11 American workers, families, and small businesses; and

12 WHEREAS, the CARES Act also provided for a temporary emergency increase in
13 unemployment compensation benefits which is commonly known as the Federal Pandemic
14 Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program; and

15 WHEREAS, the FPUC program allows an eligible individual to collect six hundred
16 dollars per week in addition to the weekly benefit amount he may receive from his state's
17 own unemployment compensation program; and

18 WHEREAS, Louisiana unemployed workers have received more than two billion
19 five hundred million dollars in CARES Act-funded federal assistance and the assistance has
20 helped more than five hundred thousand people keep food on the table, which has provided

1 them with some relief from the financial burdens and obstacles they have and are
2 continuously suffering from caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

3 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Workforce Commission is responsible for the processing
4 of hundreds of thousands of continued claims for unemployment compensation on a weekly
5 basis and its administration has worked tirelessly to ensure that Louisiana residents receive
6 their unemployment compensation benefits; and

7 WHEREAS, when the FPUC program terminates, unemployed workers will be solely
8 relying on a maximum weekly benefit amount of two hundred forty-seven dollars per week;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the public health and economic impact concerns caused by the COVID-
11 19 pandemic, which prompted the need for the CARES Act and FPUC, are still ongoing; and

12 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has taken some strides to restart its economy so
13 workers can return to earning a living; however, the state still needs federal support to better
14 assist Louisiana residents with recovering from the challenges presented by this
15 unprecedented health and economic crisis.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such
18 actions as are necessary to extend the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation
19 program to help the state of Louisiana continue its economic recovery and to provide support
20 to the administration of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
23 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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