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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 146

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Michael J. Olivier on the occasion of his retirement from the Committee of 100 for Economic Development

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Michael J. Olivier on the occasion of his retirement from the Committee of
3	100 for Economic Development.
4	WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Olivier is a native of St. Mary Parish and has dedicated
5	more than four decades of his life to service in the field of economic development, devoting
6	most of his career to encouraging national and international companies to invest in
7	Louisiana; and
8	WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier graduated from Centerville High School in 1968 and
9	attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he received a bachelor's degree in
10	1972 and masters degree in 1974; and
11	WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier has been married to his wife, Penelope, for forty-five years,
12	and they have two daughters, Emily Patterson and Mallory Olivier, and two grandchildren,
13	Gray and Hayes; and
14	WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier has served with distinction as the chief executive officer of
15	the Committee of 100 for Economic Development since 2009; he began his career in
16	economic development as the executive director of the Lafayette Economic Development
17	Authority and served as the head of the Harrison County Development Commission in
18	Mississippi for eighteen years; and
19	WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier returned to Louisiana to serve as the secretary of Louisiana
20	Economic Development under Governor Kathleen Blanco from 2004 to 2008 and helped
21	lead the state's business recovery effort following the devastation caused by Hurricanes

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1 Katrina and Rita; in 2005, he led Louisiana Economic Development to achieve the 2 International Organization for Standardization 9001 certification and the International 3 Economic Development Council Accredited Economic Development Organization 4 designation, both firsts-in-the-nation for a state economic development agency; and 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier was also named as "One of the Top 10 in the U.S. to Make 6 a Difference in Economic Development" by Southern Business and Development magazine 7 and his work led Louisiana to be named "State of the Year" for the first time by Southern 8 Business and Development magazine; and 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier was named the 2006 winner of the Lifetime Achievement 10 Award for Excellence in Economic Development by the International Economic 11 Development Council; and 12 WHEREAS, Louisiana Economic Development, during Mr. Olivier's tenure, was awarded by CORENET Global the 2007 Economic Development Leadership Award in 13 14 Strategies and Innovation for the business recovery work accomplished after Hurricanes 15 Katrina and Rita; and 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier has been a president of the Southern Economic 17 Development Council and was a ten-year board member and officer of the American 18 Economic Development Council; and 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier was named "Mississippi's Economic Developer of the Year" 20 in 1999 by Business Week; and in 2002, Southern Business and Development magazine 21 named him one of the "Top 10 Economic Developers of the Decade"; he also won the 22 American Economic Development Council's Distinguished Service Award in 1995, 1996 23 and 1997; and 24 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier still serves on the Louisiana Board of International 25 Commerce and the Restore Louisiana Task Force appointed by Louisiana Governor John Bel 26 Edwards; additionally, he was named the Eugene Schreiber Award Winner for 2019 by The 27 World Trade Center of New Orleans in recognition of his many years of international 28 economic development work; and 29 WHEREAS, under Mr. Olivier's leadership, the Committee of 100 for Economic 30

Development worked with the Tax Foundation in 2015 to develop what has become one of

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1 the key frameworks for tax reform in Louisiana, and with the committee he helped lead a 2 highly-successful and unique partnership with the Council for A Better Louisiana and the 3 Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana to create the nonpartisan RESET Louisiana 4 initiative to inform candidates for the legislature on issues critical to the future of Louisiana; 5 and 6 WHEREAS, his jovial personality, love of travel, pursuit of "foodie" adventures, and 7 commitment to the betterment of Louisiana are known and appreciated by many and he is 8 most deserving of the highest recognition for his service. 9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 10 commend Michael J. Olivier on the occasion of his retirement from the Committee of 100

- 11 for Economic Development and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to
- 12 prosper in all of his endeavors.

DIGEST

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