

1 Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, industry is a major economic engine for our state, employing many of
3 Louisiana's citizens, supporting small businesses, and contributing, both directly and
4 indirectly, substantial revenue to the tax rolls of state and local governments; and

5 WHEREAS, industry and government must cooperate to ensure that Louisiana's
6 economic productivity does not come at the expense of human health and a clean
7 environment; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana has many emission sources under the Title V Clean Air Act
9 permit program, and reducing pollution and its negative consequences would bolster
10 economic growth; and

11 WHEREAS, communities located near industrial facilities may be disproportionately
12 impacted by air pollution and its many adverse effects; and

13 WHEREAS, community air monitoring systems could play a critical role in assessing
14 air quality, identifying sources of pollution, and implementing measures to mitigate harmful
15 emissions, thereby promoting transparency and cooperation between government, industry,
16 and the public; and

17 WHEREAS, air monitoring systems can detect hazardous air pollutants and criteria
18 pollutants, provide real-time notification to first responders, neighboring communities, and
19 government agencies, and enable informed decision-making when emissions pose a threat
20 to public health; and

21 WHEREAS, air monitoring systems are in operation throughout the country near
22 major emission sources, demonstrating their viability and reliability.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 recognize the critical importance of air monitoring of industrial pollution sources in
25 safeguarding public health and protecting the environment.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
27 and request the Department of Environmental Quality to study the implementation of real-
28 time community air monitoring and notification systems that could increase public
29 awareness of pollution and unplanned releases, thereby protecting life and property.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

1 secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

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Requests the Dept. of Environmental Quality to study implementation of community air monitoring and notification systems.