

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 237

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends the city of Hammond on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of its Main Street program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the city of Hammond on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of its Main
3 Street program.

4 WHEREAS, in the mid-1970s, community members and business leaders
5 spearheaded efforts to see the rehabilitation of Hammond's historic buildings; these efforts
6 resulted in the establishment of the National Register Historic District and Hammond
7 Historic District in 1978; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1984, Hammond Main Street was formed, making the city one of the
9 first four cities that piloted the statewide Louisiana Main Street program; Main Street
10 programs carry out community-driven revitalization strategies that stimulate property and
11 local business development in historic downtowns; and

12 WHEREAS, Main Street programs use strategies that include state and federal tax
13 incentives, building rehabilitation grants, supporting local businesses, promotional events,
14 and marketing; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1986, the Hammond Downtown Development District was created
16 to fully implement Hammond Main Street and further incentivize economic development;
17 the downtown development district, which is funded by local property taxes, now offers a
18 facade grant program, sidewalk development incentives, and a low-interest loan program;
19 it hosts annual events such as Hot August Stroll and the weekly Hammond Farmers and
20 Artisans Market; and

1 WHEREAS, over the last four decades, downtown Hammond has received more than
2 \$62 million in local investment, achieved a commercial vacancy rate under 10%, restored
3 more than eighty historic structures, attracted over two hundred-fifty active locally-owned
4 businesses, and earned national recognition for excellence in downtown revitalization
5 through Main Street America's 2022 Great American Main Street Awards.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the city of Hammond on the occasion of the
8 fortieth anniversary of its Main Street program and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that
9 the program continue its inspiring efforts to revitalize the state's historic downtown areas.

DIGEST

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Commends the city of Hammond on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of its Main Street program.