

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 312

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

COMMENDATIONS: Commends United Kingdom Consul General, Richard Hyde, on his engagement with and interest in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend United Kingdom Consul General, Richard Hyde, on his engagement with and  
3 interest in Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, United Kingdom Consul General Richard Hyde is a career diplomat  
5 who has served in a range of diplomatic and commercial positions around the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde served as the British deputy high commissioner  
7 in Bangalore, India, from 2007 until 2011; he then served as the British deputy high  
8 commissioner in Hyderabad, India, and led work on restructuring the British government's  
9 network in India from 2011 through 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde headed the advanced manufacturing investment  
11 team at UK Trade and Investment in London from 2013 to 2015; in this role he promoted  
12 foreign direct investment into the United Kingdom; he also served as a director of Caribbean  
13 and Central American affairs at the Department for International Trade based in Caracas,  
14 Venezuela, and later San Jose, Costa Rica, from 2015 to 2019; and

15 WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde commenced his position as Her Majesty's Consul  
16 General in Houston, Texas, in June 2019; in this role, he has the overall responsibility for  
17 leading the United Kingdom's engagement in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and  
18 New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde made his first visit to Louisiana within a month  
20 of his arrival in the United States; he was welcomed by Lieutenant Governor Billy  
21 Nungesser and members of the Louisiana Chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire;

1 he has made several additional visits during his tenure, engaging with governors, mayors,  
2 parish presidents, and state legislators; and

3 WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde oversaw the first visit by a British minister, the  
4 Honorable David Rutley MP, to Louisiana in over a decade, seeking to promote stronger  
5 commercial and security ties with the state; earlier this year, he was a featured speaker at the  
6 International Partnering Forum energy conference held in New Orleans; and

7 WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde is particularly interested in Louisiana history; he  
8 has used his Houston home to host specialists from the National World War II Museum who  
9 gave a lecture in honor of Sir Winston Churchill; and

10 WHEREAS, United Kingdom Consul General Richard Hyde is an accomplished  
11 diplomat whose dedication to strengthening the bonds between the United Kingdom and the  
12 state of Louisiana warrants the highest recognition.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend United Kingdom Consul General, Richard  
15 Hyde, on his engagement with and interest in Louisiana and does hereby extend sincerest  
16 wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors, both personal and professional,  
17 for many years to come.

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