

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY SENATOR CONNICK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and recognizes the staff of Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and recognize the staff of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development
3 Commission for the organization's outstanding accomplishments and the staff's
4 dedication to public service and exemplary work in strengthening the economy and
5 improving the quality of life for the citizens of Jefferson Parish.

6 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) is
7 an independent yet complementary arm of the Jefferson Parish government, devoted to
8 building a resilient, equitable, diverse, and competitive economy through job retention and
9 creation, entrepreneurship, innovation, and strategic investment; and

10 WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1987, JEDCO has been a steadfast partner in
11 progress for Jefferson Parish, assisting thousands of businesses through incubator and loan
12 programs, tax incentives, workforce development initiatives, and business information
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, JEDCO achieved Accreditation as an Economic Development
15 Organization (AEDO) by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and has
16 been recognized internationally as a premier economic development organization for the
17 fifth time in seventeen years, making it the longest continuously serving AEDO in Louisiana
18 and the second longest in the Gulf South; and

1 WHEREAS, the AEDO designation is a prestigious recognition granted only after
2 a rigorous peer-review process, indicating that JEDCO meets the highest standards of
3 professionalism, accountability, and success in economic development; and

4 WHEREAS, JEDCO's values of integrity, dynamic approach, collaboration, and
5 service orientation guide its work in empowering businesses and enriching the Jefferson
6 Parish community equitably and inclusively; and

7 WHEREAS, JEDCO's recent achievements include but are not limited to:

- 8 (1) Facilitating the redevelopment of the historic Avondale Shipyard;
- 9 (2) Supporting Ochsner Health System's major expansion along Jefferson Highway;
- 10 (3) Retaining and assisting the expansion of US Foods' state-of-the-art distribution
11 center;
- 12 (4) Attracting over \$1 billion in foreign direct investment from companies such as
13 CF Industries, UBE, and Bunge;
- 14 (5) Establishing Jefferson Parish as a leader in wind energy innovation through its
15 work with Gulf Wind Technology;
- 16 (6) Completing a strategic plan for the Churchill Technology & Business Park to
17 support future mixed-use development;
- 18 (7) Securing funding for the Greater New Orleans Food & Beverage Incubator;
- 19 (8) Advancing sustainability and resilience in the local seafood industry through
20 innovative branding of Grand Isle oysters;
- 21 (9) Supporting the expansion of local businesses, including RNGD's 14-acre campus,
22 ORACLE Lighting's Fat City facility, and Perrone & Sons' new production site;
- 23 (10) Launching the impactful "MORE HERE" attraction campaign to showcase the
24 parish's strengths;
- 25 (11) Promoting neighborhood revitalization through projects like the construction of
26 a model home in Terrytown; and
- 27 (12) Securing \$600,000 in federal grant funding for the redevelopment of local
28 brownfield sites; and

29 WHEREAS, the continued efforts and accomplishments of the dedicated JEDCO
30 staff serve as a model of excellence in public service and economic leadership, benefitting

