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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY AND JIM MORRIS

COMMENDATIONS: Welcomes visiting staff from the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research to the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the staff from the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research who are
3 participating in the Southern Legislative Conference Legislative Staff Exchange
4 Program and to welcome them to the Louisiana State Capitol.

5 WHEREAS, the members and staff of the Louisiana House of Representatives are
6 delighted and honored to welcome legislative staff from the great state of Arkansas as part
7 of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) Legislative Staff Exchange Program; and

8 WHEREAS, the concept of the staff exchange program is to allow legislative staffers
9 throughout the South to visit other participating SLC states in order to meet their staff
10 counterparts; and

11 WHEREAS, while a visit during session is not a requirement of the program, the
12 Pelican State welcomes the legislative staff from the Natural State during this time so they
13 can experience the House of Representatives and all of its moving parts as it operates during
14 session; and

15 WHEREAS, during the exchange, staff of the two legislatures will discuss their
16 respective practices and procedures, and the visitors will be immersed in the institutional
17 culture of the host state; and

18 WHEREAS, Louisiana staff will benefit from this exchange of ideas and insights and
19 look forward to the opportunity to learn from their counterparts about legislative procedures
20 and traditions in Little Rock; and

1 WHEREAS, this program will continue to strengthen the skills of legislative staffers
2 throughout the fifteen member states that make up the SLC and their respective legislative
3 institutions; and

4 WHEREAS, this exciting program is being sponsored by the SLC, the largest of the
5 four regional legislative groups operating under The Council of State Governments (CSG);
6 and

7 WHEREAS, this exchange program has a rich history in Louisiana as the House of
8 Representatives was the first host state, hosting a visit from Virginia staff in 2008 and, in
9 exchange, Louisiana staff visited the Virginia Assembly in 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a special measure of commendation be extended
11 to the staff of the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research upon their visit to the Louisiana
12 State Capitol and to the Southern Legislative Conference for their sponsorship and continued
13 support of this innovative and beneficial program.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the staff members of the Arkansas Bureau
16 of Legislative Research who are participating in the Southern Legislative Conference
17 Legislative Staff Exchange Program, does hereby express enduring appreciation to them for
18 the tremendous pride they bring to the state of Louisiana upon their historic visit, and does
19 hereby sincerely welcome them to the state of Louisiana.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby
21 express its sincere gratitude to the Southern Legislative Conference for its support of the
22 Legislative Staff Exchange Program and for its efforts in facilitating the present visit of the
23 Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research to Baton Rouge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff members of House Legislative Services
25 of the Louisiana House of Representatives look forward with excitement and anticipation
26 of their exchange visit to the Arkansas State Capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
28 to Martha "Marty" Garrity, Director, Bureau of Legislative Research, State of Arkansas, and
29 Colleen Cousineau, Executive Director, SLC.

DIGEST

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