

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER AND SENATOR THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to study the feasibility and advisability of providing agricultural initiatives for veterans and to report their findings to the legislative committees on agriculture, forestry, aquaculture, and rural development and the state representative for District Number 17 not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, residents of this state rely on Louisiana agricultural growers and processors as a source of safe, nutritional, and affordable food; and

WHEREAS, agriculture industries are a major source of employment for residents of rural parishes, provide economic resources that contribute greatly to the quality of life, and improve the socioeconomic well-being of rural communities; and

WHEREAS, poultry production continues to be the largest animal agricultural industry in the state, second only to forestry in total income production for all agricultural commodities; and

WHEREAS, veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America answered the call of duty and sacrificed greatly to defend the freedom enjoyed by all citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a way to recognize the selfless service of these veterans, agriculture initiatives aim to create opportunities in rural parishes and improve employment of Louisiana veterans engaged in all aspects of agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, private initiatives help answer rural needs and capitalize on the strengths of veterans who are locally situated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to study the feasibility and advisability of providing agricultural

initiatives for veterans and to report their findings to the legislative committees on agriculture, forestry, aquaculture, and rural development and the state representative for District Number 17 not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry and the secretary of Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE