

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 205

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Vantage Health Plan upon its continued expansion in the Monroe area and recognizes the significant role it plays in job creation and economic development in Ouachita Parish

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Vantage Health Plan upon its continued expansion in the Monroe area and to
3 recognize the significant role it plays in job creation and economic development in
4 Ouachita Parish.

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize Vantage Health Plan for its contributions
6 to the growth and development of the Monroe area; and

7 WHEREAS, Vantage Health Plan was founded in 1994 and was awarded its
8 Certificate of Authority by the state as a licensed Health Maintenance Organization in 1996;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Vantage insures more than twenty-five thousand people throughout
11 Louisiana, including some state employees; and

12 WHEREAS, Vantage and its subsidiaries are headquartered in downtown Monroe,
13 where the company has played a major role in the area's revitalization; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2003, the company bought its first building in downtown Monroe,
15 the former Ouachita National Bank building on DeSiard Street, and in the decade since, it
16 has bought several other downtown buildings; and

17 WHEREAS, Vantage opened the St. John Pharmacy in 2012, and Vantage's
18 subsidiary, Affinity Health Group, has thirteen clinics in Northeast Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, in March of 2013, *Delta Business* magazine featured Vantage as the
20 newest Top 10 private employer in Ouachita Parish; and

1 WHEREAS, Vantage, which employs more than four hundred people in Ouachita
2 Parish, plans to renovate and restore the historic State Office Building on St. John Street and
3 hire approximately two hundred additional employees; and

4 WHEREAS, Vantage Health Plan merits a special measure of commendation for the
5 pride it brings to the city of Monroe and to the state of Louisiana.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Vantage Health Plan upon its continued
8 expansion in the Monroe area, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the significant
9 role it plays in job creation and economic development in Ouachita Parish, and does hereby
10 extend to the company best wishes for continued success in the future.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
12 to the chief executive officer of Vantage Health Plan.

DIGEST

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