SLS 14RS-3633 **ORIGINAL**

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

SENATORS GALLOT, LONG, KOSTELKA AND RISER AND REPRESENTATIVES DIXON, HARRIS AND HAZEL

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce on its one hundredth anniversary.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce on its one hundredth
3	anniversary.
4	WHEREAS, two hundred fifty business and professional leaders met at the Hotel
5	Bentley on March 30, 1914, to form the Alexandria, Louisiana, Chamber of Commerce, with
6	three hundred members joining that evening; and
7	WHEREAS, the first board of directors of the chamber was named on April 6, 1914,
8	followed by the election of the first chamber board chairman W.D. Haas, M.D.; and
9	WHEREAS, a goal was set in 1914 of attracting one thousand members, a milestone
10	that was accomplished in November 2013; and
11	WHEREAS, the Pineville Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1951; and
12	WHEREAS, the Alexandria and Pineville Chambers merged in 1956 to form the
13	Chamber of Commerce of the Alexandria-Pineville area; and
14	WHEREAS, the name of the organization was changed to the Central Louisiana
15	Chamber of Commerce in 1986 to reflect a regional approach to economic development; and
16	WHEREAS, over the last century, the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce has
17	promoted the cause of free enterprise and entrepreneurship; and
18	WHEREAS, the chamber is an effective advocate for business and industry in

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1	Alexandria, Pineville, and central Louisiana and delivers innovative programming and
2	services; and
3	WHEREAS, the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce continues to be an
4	influential, vital, dynamic force in the region, working to create the preferred community to
5	live and conduct business; and
6	WHEREAS, the one hundredth anniversary of the Central Louisiana Chamber of
7	Commerce provides an opportunity to honor ninety-six past board chairmen, one hundred
8	boards of directors, hundreds of chamber staff, and countless elected and community
9	partners who contributed to the success of the organization.
10	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11	commend and congratulate the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce on its one
12	hundredth anniversary.
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend
14	best wishes to the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce as it prepares for continued
15	success in the future.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17	Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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Commends the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce on its 100th anniversary.