

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATOR RISER

A RESOLUTION

To commend UPS Midstream Services for receiving the 2016 Lantern Award.

WHEREAS, the Lantern Awards recognize one outstanding manufacturer from each of the eight regional planning and development districts in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Lantern Awards are a partnership among Louisiana Economic Development, Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, and Louisiana Quality Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Lantern Award winners are selected based on their excellence in manufacturing and community involvement during the three years prior to their being nominated for the award; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 Universal Plant Services Inc. was founded in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 UPS established a wholly owned subsidiary known as UPS Midstream Services and began construction on a twenty-four hundred square foot manufacturing facility in Jena, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Jena site was expanded to include a manufacturing shop, two warehouses, and office space where employees work with clients primarily across the United States; and

WHEREAS, UPS Midstream Services employed forty-nine skilled machinists and support personnel in May 2014, and as of April 2016, employs one hundred and forty-five persons; and

WHEREAS, sales revenue for the fiscal year ending February 2014 was \$7.3 million and increased to \$36.1 million in February 2016; and

WHEREAS, during a time of depressed oil and gas prices and resulting numbers of unemployed workers in LaSalle Parish and the state, UPS Midstream remains a bright spot for central Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, UPS Midstream Services has become an exemplary corporate citizen, purchasing all materials and supplies from local and state vendors when possible; and

WHEREAS, UPS Midstream Services encourages all new hires to live in local communities and become active members in community affairs, local churches and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Lantern Awards are an opportunity to recognize Louisiana's leading manufacturing companies and commend them for their contributions to the state's economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend UPS Midstream Services for receiving the 2016 Lantern Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to UPS Midstream Services.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE