

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY SENATORS PEACOCK AND GATTI AND REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY AND JENKINS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Louisiana Association for the Blind on its Ninetieth Anniversary.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the Louisiana Association for the Blind of Shreveport,

3 Louisiana, on the occasion of its Ninetieth Anniversary and to recognize the many

4 opportunities and enrichment it provides for the visually impaired.

5 WHEREAS, on April 4, 1927, the Louisiana Association for the Blind (LAB) was

6 established through an alliance with the Shreveport Downtown Lions, a chapter of Lions

7 Clubs International, to improve the quality of life for visually impaired individuals by

8 providing training, services, and employment; and

9 WHEREAS, the LAB first began operations in the 1930s when in-house employment

10 for visually impaired workers was limited to the production of mops and brooms by hand;

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12 WHEREAS, in the 1960s, the LAB product line began to evolve in an effort to

13 capture federal contracts for paper tablets and products used in governmental offices;

14 building on that success, the LAB expanded its product catalog to include copier paper,

15 cleaning products, and safety products, such as anti-slip traction stripping; and

16 WHEREAS, the LAB is proud of its affiliation with Fort Polk Army Base in

17 Leesville and Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier Parish, as contractors who stock base

18 supply centers with products used by military personnel; and

1           WHEREAS, today, the LAB continues to maintain a safe and flexible work  
2 environment in which each individual can reach his potential and personal goals; and

3           WHEREAS, as an approved provider of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, the LAB  
4 instructs adults in the acquisition of marketable skills necessary to enter the workforce; and

5           WHEREAS, the Louisiana Association for the Blind fulfills a wide variety of  
6 contracts for commercial clientele that includes product assembly, manufacturing, and  
7 packaging, along with a state-of-the-art digital printing operation; and

8           WHEREAS, its Low Vision Rehabilitation Center provides a full range of  
9 rehabilitation and employment services and low-vision products and serves over two  
10 thousand Louisianans annually; and

11           WHEREAS, instruction and services offered by the LAB include orientation and  
12 mobility, Braille reading and writing, computer training, independent living, job readiness,  
13 customer service and tech support training, low-vision evaluations, and programs for youth,  
14 seniors, and community outreach; and

15           WHEREAS, loss of sight may occur at anytime, however extraordinary educational  
16 techniques are implemented to teach infants and youngsters who would, under ordinary  
17 circumstances, learn to navigate their environment by visual cues; and

18           WHEREAS, the LAB supports parental training and counseling and conducts an  
19 annual Children's Clinic to provide assistance and adaptive technologies for school-age  
20 children that enable these students to learn and explore the world around them through  
21 reading; and

22           WHEREAS, the LAB scholarship fund was created to provide financial aid to the  
23 state's visually challenged citizens who pursue career goals and postsecondary education;  
24 and

25           WHEREAS, after ninety years, the mission of the Louisiana Association for the  
26 Blind endures and the organization continues to expand its rehabilitation services and  
27 provides innovative employment opportunities for individuals with visual impairment.

28           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
29 commend the Louisiana Association for the Blind on the occasion of its Ninetieth  
30 Anniversary and recognize the many employment opportunities and enrichment it provides

1 for the visually impaired of this state.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
3 Shelly Taylor, president of the Louisiana Association for the Blind and Josh Trahan,  
4 chairman of the Board of Directors for the Louisiana Association for the Blind.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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Commends the La. Association for the Blind of Shreveport on its 90th anniversary.