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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 139

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MILITARY AFFAIRS: Commends certain entities for their commitment to Louisiana's  
military installations, military personnel, and their communities and families

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, the Louisiana Military  
3 Advisory Council, Barksdale Forward, Fort Polk Progress, and the Southeast  
4 Louisiana Military Alliance for their support of the military installations and military  
5 personnel in this state.

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana is host to a number of military installations across the state,  
7 representing all branches of the armed forces defending our nation; and

8 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Military Advisory Council was established within the  
9 Louisiana Department of Economic Development and is charged, in part, with proposing and  
10 sponsoring activities and programs that support and enhance the military's activities in this  
11 state; and

12 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Military Advisory Council is also charged with  
13 developing an economic impact analysis of the state's military assets; and

14 WHEREAS, business development advisors conducted this analysis of the military's  
15 economic impact in Louisiana and this analysis highlights the importance of our military  
16 assets as economic drivers, not just for their respective regions, but for the state as a whole  
17 and determined that every region of Louisiana benefits economically from the payroll,  
18 spending, contracted work and other activity arising from Department of Defense spending  
19 in Louisiana; and

1           WHEREAS, the total annual statewide economic impact of military spending is \$7.7  
2 billion; and

3           WHEREAS, military spending creates over 77,000 direct and indirect jobs with over  
4 \$279 million in taxes paid to the state which equates to approximately 4% of total state  
5 payroll employment; and

6           WHEREAS, total military contract spending in Louisiana for 2016 was \$1.52 billion  
7 which is the highest level of spending since 2012; and

8           WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks No. 32 for military contracts, No. 1 for Department of  
9 Homeland Security prime awards (due largely to Coast Guard contracts with Louisiana  
10 shipyards) and No. 20 among the fifty states and the District of Columbia for the combined  
11 total value of military and homeland security contracts in 2016; and

12           WHEREAS, these installations are represented by community advocacy groups that  
13 work tirelessly to maintain the viability of their respective installations and improve the  
14 quality of lives of their servicemen and servicewomen and their families; and

15           WHEREAS, the Louisiana Military Advisory Council considers the state's military  
16 installations and their affiliated advocacy groups as key economic development partners; and

17           WHEREAS, these organizations, such as Barksdale Forward, supporting Barksdale  
18 Air Force Base near Bossier City, Fort Polk Progress, supporting Fort Polk at Leesville, and  
19 the Southeast Louisiana Military Alliance, supporting the several military facilities in the  
20 greater New Orleans area, do important work on behalf of our military facilities and  
21 personnel.

22           THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Department of Economic  
24 Development, the Louisiana Military Advisory Council, Barksdale Forward, Fort Polk  
25 Progress, and the Southeast Louisiana Military Alliance for their tireless support of  
26 Louisiana's military installations, military personnel, military families and communities and  
27 for the advocacy demonstrated in the U.S. Congress and at the Pentagon, supporting a strong  
28 Department of Defense presence in Louisiana, supporting our vital role in the defense of our  
29 nation, and contributing to the state's vibrant economy.

DIGEST

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Commends the La. Dept. of Economic Development, the La. Military Advisory Council, Barksdale Forward, Fort Polk Progress, and the Southeast La. Military Alliance for their commitment to the state of Louisiana, military personnel, military families, and local communities.