



1           WHEREAS, in 1982, following a collapse in the workers' compensation market, the  
2   Legislature of Louisiana authorized the formation of Association Group Self-Insured Funds  
3   to provide an industry-specific solution for restaurants, bars, and hospitality-related  
4   businesses; and

5           WHEREAS, in 1995, the LRA board of directors partnered with the Louisiana  
6   Department of Health and Hospitals to develop a plan that requires all retail food  
7   establishments to have at least one manager complete food safety and sanitation training; and

8           WHEREAS, in that same year, the LRA Education Foundation was organized to  
9   promote the industry as a viable career path; the foundation administers its ProStart program,  
10   a culinary arts and restaurant management curriculum, in fifty-five high schools across  
11   Louisiana, and the foundation's Scholars Program provides funding to qualified students to  
12   continue their post-secondary education; and

13           WHEREAS, in 1997, LRA's efforts to provide a platform for culinary education in  
14   Louisiana were realized when the state's Board of Regents approved the establishment of a  
15   bachelor of science in culinary arts degree program at the newly formed Chef John Folse  
16   Culinary Institute at Nicholls State University, the first culinary degree program at a public  
17   university in the United States; and

18           WHEREAS, LRA has also provided leadership to the National Restaurant  
19   Association; board members Ralph Brennan and Melvin Rodrigue served as the chairman  
20   of the national branch, and many other members have served in various positions for the  
21   National Restaurant Association; the partnership between the two provides effective  
22   advocacy across federal, state, and local levels; and

23           WHEREAS, restaurants are most vulnerable during times of crisis in Louisiana; LRA  
24   quickly centers its advocacy and communications to provide relevant and timely information  
25   through its ongoing relationships with elected officials at all levels of government; and

26           WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, LRA served as the primary source of  
27   information for the entire food service industry in Louisiana; the association has become  
28   more proactive and responsive in the wake of this crisis, and it is most deserving of  
29   recognition as it celebrates seventy-five years of dedicated service to the state of Louisiana  
30   and the restaurant and food service industry.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
2 commend Louisiana Restaurant Association on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary;  
3 does hereby recognize the impressive response of the association to the COVID-19  
4 pandemic; does hereby acknowledge the association's successful efforts to sustain the  
5 restaurant industry in Louisiana in the face of an international crisis; and does hereby extend  
6 sincere hopes that Louisiana Restaurant Association and the food service industry in  
7 Louisiana continue their incredible service to the state of Louisiana and enjoy many more  
8 years of success.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
10 president of Louisiana Restaurant Association.

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DIGEST

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