

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR TALBOT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Louisiana Restaurant Association upon the celebration of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Restaurant Association upon the celebration of its seventy-fifth  
3 anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, in 1946, the Louisiana Restaurant Association (LRA) was established  
5 to advocate on behalf of the state's food service and hospitality industry among elected  
6 officials and regulatory agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, the LRA is a trade association, governed by a volunteer board of  
8 directors, that supports restaurants and food service, owners, operators, franchisees,  
9 managers, culinary leaders, caterers, hotels, industry suppliers, and related businesses in  
10 Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, Stan Harris is the 2021 president and chief executive officer of the  
12 LRA; and

13 WHEREAS, the LRA partners with the National Restaurant Association to bring  
14 Louisiana members more tools and resources needed to advocate on behalf of the state's food  
15 service and hospitality industry; and

16 WHEREAS, the LRA is one of the biggest business organizations in the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the restaurant industry is one of the state's largest private employers,  
18 providing jobs to more than two hundred thousand residents; and

1           WHEREAS, the LRA is comprised of nine chapters throughout the state designed  
2 to localize member experience by peer-to-peer interactions, engage in leadership  
3 development and cultivation, provide support and advocacy efforts at the local and state  
4 level through Hospitality Political Action Committee contributions, and provide  
5 philanthropy and connectivity with the LRA Education Foundation (LRAEF); and

6           WHEREAS, the LRAEF is a philanthropic foundation within the LRA and exists to  
7 enhance the industry's service to the public through education, community engagement, and  
8 promotion of career opportunities; and

9           WHEREAS, the LRAEF scholarship fund was created in 2009 to support the  
10 continuing education of individuals pursuing a career in the culinary and hospitality industry;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, the LRAEF has awarded \$650,000 in scholarships to students in support  
13 of their desire to continue their education in the culinary and hospitality industry; and

14           WHEREAS, the LRA's ProStart program is a two-year culinary management  
15 program for high school juniors and seniors designed to teach students culinary techniques  
16 as well as restaurant management skills; and

17           WHEREAS, ProStart exists in seventy-five schools throughout Louisiana, and more  
18 than 1,600 students participate in the program; and

19           WHEREAS, since 1982, the LRA Self Insurer's Fund has been the hospitality  
20 industry's preferred solution for workers' compensation; and

21           WHEREAS, for more than sixty-three years, the LRA has served as the proud host  
22 of the annual Louisiana Food Service and Hospitality EXPO, which brings the best tools and  
23 opportunities for restaurants and hospitality-related businesses in the Gulf South; and

24           WHEREAS, the LRA ServSafe program provides food safety and sanitation and  
25 alcohol and allergens training to the restaurant and hospitality industry; and

26           WHEREAS, in celebration of its seventieth anniversary, the LRA reintroduced its  
27 pelican mascot, Louie, which first appeared in 1950 in the LRA's *A La Carte* magazine, a  
28 quarterly publication and the only magazine in Louisiana that is dedicated to the needs of  
29 food service professionals.

30           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

1 commend the Louisiana Restaurant Association upon the celebration of its seventy-fifth  
2 anniversary and does hereby extend to all LRA members best wishes for continued success  
3 and happiness in the future.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
5 Stan Harris, president of the Louisiana Restaurant Association.

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

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