

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY SENATORS MORRIS, CATHEY AND JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Monroe Chamber of Commerce on the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce was established in 1921 as a business trade association to serve the needs of the growing number of businesses in Ouachita Parish; and

WHEREAS, over the past one hundred years, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce has played a vital role as an advocate to ensure that businesses prosper and grow; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce played a critical role in the establishment of major institutions, including the Ouachita Parish Junior College, later renamed the Northeast Junior College of Louisiana State University, which is now the University of Louisiana Monroe, and the Louisiana Delta Community College; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce has been a regional leader in workforce development and in connecting employers with training providers and area students to ensure that residents have access to good jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce has worked aside the city of Monroe and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to ensure that important infrastructure projects are identified, funded, and built, including the Monroe Regional Airport, the North 18th Street Extension, the Forsythe Extension, the Kansas Lane Extension, and the Greater Ouachita Parish Port; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce has worked to grow the economy of the city of Monroe and Ouachita Parish by fostering business expansion and retention; and

WHEREAS, several global businesses have begun in the city of Monroe, including Lumen Technologies Inc., formerly CenturyLink, and Delta Air Lines, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola was first bottled in the city of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce works continuously to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship and economic growth in the city of Monroe and Ouachita Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Monroe Chamber of Commerce on the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE