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2022 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Bossier Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To commend the officers and members of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce on the 3 occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary. WHEREAS, since its inception, the primary objective of the Bossier Chamber of 4 5 Commerce has been to promote the advancement of civic, commercial, industrial, and 6 agricultural interests within the parish and to contribute to the economic development of the 7 Ark-La-Tex region; and 8 WHEREAS, progressive business leaders came together to establish the Chamber 9 of Commerce and form a local organization to act as a conduit between commercial interests 10 and governments to utilize the growth potential of the community; and 11 WHEREAS, on September 5, 1947, the Chamber held its first board meeting and the articles of incorporation were registered in October; and 12 13 WHEREAS, nineteen members were named to the board of directors, followed by 14 the election of the Chamber leadership that included V. V. Whittington as president, A. R. Teague as first vice president, O. A. Teekell as second vice president, and Harry B. Walker 15 as treasurer; and 16 17 WHEREAS, from the original charter membership, nine corporations continue as active members today; these corporations include American Electric Power-Southwestern 18

1	Electric Power Company (AEP-SWEPCO), Builders Supply Company, Inc., CenterPoint		
2	Energy, Shreveport Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Maddox and Hughes Insurance Agency,		
3	Montgomery Agency, Inc., Pulley-White Insurance Agency, Inc., Red River Motor		
4	Company, and The Shreveport Times newspaper; and		
5	WHEREAS, over the next seven decades, the diverse membership of the Bossier		
6	Chamber of Commerce has promoted free enterprise and entrepreneurship; the Chamber has		
7	grown to become a network of more than seven hundred members operating in seven states		
8	and thirty-seven cities throughout the nation; and		
9	WHEREAS, the Bossier Chamber has advanced innovative partnerships to create		
10	community service projects, such as the Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council that		
11	acts as the primary liaison between the civilian and business community and the leadership		
12	of Barksdale Air Force Base and the Keep Bossier Beautiful anti-littering campaign; and		
13	WHEREAS, a Chamber health initiative brought about essential public health		
14	services with establishment of the first medical emergency room in Bossier City; and		
15	WHEREAS, an agreement between the Chamber and the Bossier Parish School		
16	Board resulted in the Bossier Youth Leadership Program; and		
17	WHEREAS, this partnership represents an investment in motivated high school		
18	students who train for leadership roles and gain valuable experience; and		
19	WHEREAS, the Chamber is an effective advocate for economic development in both		
20	Bossier and Caddo parishes and the Ark-La-Tex industrial infrastructure that includes		
21	service industries, multi-modal transportation centers, active and retired military, and		
22	manufacturing networks; and		
23	WHEREAS, the legacy of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce remains that of an		
24	influential, vital, and dynamic force for the cultivation of economic potential in a prosperous		
25	community; and		
26	WHEREAS, for seventy-five years the Bossier Chamber of Commerce has served		
27	as an integral component that makes this community a great place in which to live, work,		
28	and play.		
29	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby		
30	commend the officers and members of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce on the occasion		

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of its seventy-fifth anniversary.			
BE IT FURTE	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend		
best wishes to the Bo	st wishes to the Bossier Chamber of Commerce for continued growth and success in the		
future.			
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to			
Eric Barkley, chairman of the Board of Directors, Lisa Johnson, President and CEO, and			
Nicole Wilhite, chairr	man of the Executive Committee of the Bossier C	Chamber of Commerce.	
	nstrument and the following digest, which conive instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De	-	
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