

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 165

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 9th through 13th as Economic Development Week and to commend the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District for their efforts in increasing the economic activity and employment opportunities in northern Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District was created by Acts No. 433 and 528 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature for the purpose of developing the area within the district to provide for substantial economic activity and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in accomplishing this purpose, the district designed and implemented sustainable innovative solutions that drive investment, create jobs, strategically advance the economic base, and improve the quality of life within the district through public and private sector collaborations; and

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District worked in cooperation with the International Economic Development Council, which is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program, the Certified Economic Developer designation, and the Entrepreneurship Development Professional; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 9th through 13th as Economic Development Week and to commend the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District for their efforts in increasing the economic activity and employment opportunities in northern Baton Rouge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE