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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

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LOCAL OFFICIALS. Requests the city of New Orleans to develop and implement initiatives to attract quality retail and dining establishments to certain areas of the city.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the city of New Orleans to develop and implement initiatives to attract
3 quality retail and dining establishments to neighborhoods east of the Industrial Canal
4 and to those within planning districts seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven.

5 WHEREAS, increasing access to quality retail and dining establishments is an
6 important strategy for improving the economic viability and nutritional health of
7 underserved communities within the city of New Orleans; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to 2005, there were numerous retail and dining establishments
9 located throughout the city of New Orleans that provided the city's residents with a multitude
10 of quality shopping and dining options; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused catastrophic damage to many areas
12 of the city, including the destruction of many of these retail and dining establishments; and

13 WHEREAS, in the wake of the recession, many department stores, malls, and dining
14 establishments throughout the United States, including some in the city of New Orleans,
15 were forced to close their doors as consumers began tightening their belts in the face of
16 stagnant wages and reduced employment opportunities; and

17 WHEREAS, since that time, very few quality retail and dining establishments have
18 returned to the neighborhoods east of the Industrial Canal or to those within planning

