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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

AGRICULTURE: Requests a study relative to the feasibility and advisability of providing agricultural initiatives for veterans

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Louisiana
3	Department of Economic Development to study the feasibility and advisability of
4	providing agricultural initiatives for veterans and to report their findings to the
5	legislative committees on agriculture, forestry, aquaculture, and rural development
6	and the state representative for District Number 17 not later than sixty days prior to
7	the beginning of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
8	WHEREAS, residents of this state rely on Louisiana agricultural growers and
9	processors as a source of safe, nutritional, and affordable food; and
10	WHEREAS, agriculture industries are a major source of employment for residents
11	of rural parishes, provide economic resources that contribute greatly to the quality of life,
12	and improve the socioeconomic well-being of rural communities; and
13	WHEREAS, poultry production continues to be the largest animal agricultural
14	industry in the state, second only to forestry in total income production for all agricultural
15	commodities; and
16	WHEREAS, veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America answered
17	the call of duty and sacrificed greatly to defend the freedom enjoyed by all citizens; and
18	WHEREAS, as a way to recognize the selfless service of these veterans, agriculture
19	initiatives aim to create opportunities in rural parishes and improve employment of
20	Louisiana veterans engaged in all aspects of agribusiness; and

1 WHEREAS, private initiatives help answer rural needs and capitalize on the 2 strengths of veterans who are locally situated. 3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 4 urge and request the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Louisiana Department 5 of Economic Development to study the feasibility and advisability of providing agricultural 6 initiatives for veterans and to report their findings to the legislative committees on 7 agriculture, forestry, aquaculture, and rural development and the state representative for 8 District Number 17 not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2014 Regular 9 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana. 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the 11 commissioner of agriculture and forestry and the secretary of Louisiana Department of 12 Economic Development.

DIGEST

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