

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 180

BY SENATOR BROOME

COMMENDATIONS. Welcomes Toni Cooke to Louisiana and expresses appreciation of her efforts in support of the LABEST Initiative and the BESOL Initiative.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To welcome Toni Cooke to the state of Louisiana and express appreciation for her efforts,
3 in conjunction with the Ford Foundation, in support of the Louisianans Building
4 Economic Stability Together (LABEST) Initiative and Ford's Building Economic
5 Security Over a Lifetime (BESOL) Initiative.

6 WHEREAS, Louisianans Building Economic Stability Together (LABEST) is a
7 project of Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation (UREC); and

8 WHEREAS, the primary role of UREC is to provide leadership and guidance in the
9 expansion and formation of a statewide coalition aligned with Southern Regional Asset
10 Building Coalition (SRABC) and The Building Economic Security over Lifetime (BESOL)
11 Initiative funded and supported by the Ford Foundation; and

12 WHEREAS, the collaboration is comprised of grassroots, nonprofit and advocacy
13 organizations, policy makers, community leaders, and Historically Black Colleges and
14 Universities (HBCUs); and

15 WHEREAS, the unified strategy for LABEST is a grassroots teaching approach to
16 build a base of cross sector leaders committed to working with regional partners throughout
17 the state to help set conditions that will address policies that impact superior growth and
18 prosperity in our state; and

1 WHEREAS, Toni Cooke is a Senior Consultant of Realize Consulting Group and the
2 managing principal of T. Cooke and Associates in Upland, California; and

3 WHEREAS, Toni has over twenty years of experience in nonprofit and health care
4 environments being formerly with the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative as a Senior
5 Associate Director overseeing grants and assisting the initiative's grantees in meeting the
6 foundation's accountability requirements; and

7 WHEREAS, during that time she led the development of expansion opportunities in
8 new communities, inviting foundations to invest in programs and resources to support foster
9 youth between the ages of 14 and 23 years of age; and

10 WHEREAS, she also served as co-chair for the Foster Care Work Group, one of
11 three work groups of the Youth Transition Funders Group; and

12 WHEREAS, Toni holds a BA from Douglass College/Rutgers University and a
13 master's degree in social work from Howard University; and

14 WHEREAS, she has extensive experience in sustainability planning and Results
15 Based Accountability and was recently qualified in Results Based Facilitation and received
16 her Myers-Briggs certification from the Association of Psychological Type; and

17 WHEREAS, she was recently appointed to the Advisory Committee to First Five,
18 San Bernardino County, California.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 welcomes Toni Cooke to the state of Louisiana and expresses appreciation for her efforts,
21 in conjunction with the Ford Foundation, in support of the LABEST Initiative and Ford's
22 BESOL Initiative.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Toni
24 Cooke.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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