

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY SENATORS GALLOT, LONG, KOSTELKA AND RISER AND REPRESENTATIVES DIXON, HARRIS AND HAZEL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce on its one hundredth anniversary.

WHEREAS, two hundred fifty business and professional leaders met at the Hotel Bentley on March 30, 1914, to form the Alexandria, Louisiana, Chamber of Commerce, with three hundred members joining that evening; and

WHEREAS, the first board of directors of the chamber was named on April 6, 1914, followed by the election of the first chamber board chairman W.D. Haas, M.D.; and

WHEREAS, a goal was set in 1914 of attracting one thousand members, a milestone that was accomplished in November 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Pineville Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1951; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria and Pineville Chambers merged in 1956 to form the Chamber of Commerce of the Alexandria-Pineville area; and

WHEREAS, the name of the organization was changed to the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce in 1986 to reflect a regional approach to economic development; and

WHEREAS, over the last century, the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce has promoted the cause of free enterprise and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the chamber is an effective advocate for business and industry in Alexandria, Pineville, and central Louisiana and delivers innovative programming and services; and

WHEREAS, the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce continues to be an influential, vital, dynamic force in the region, working to create the preferred community to live and conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the one hundredth anniversary of the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce provides an opportunity to honor ninety-six past board chairmen, one hundred boards of directors, hundreds of chamber staff, and countless elected and community partners who contributed to the success of the organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce on its one hundredth anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend best wishes to the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce as it prepares for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES