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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board for its contributions to the education of the children of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board was created in 1983 by the legislature to provide a voluntary method of raising revenues to be used for the purpose of developing markets for crawfish and for funding research to further the Louisiana crawfish industry; and

WHEREAS, the combined annual crawfish yield in Louisiana ranges from one hundred twenty million to one hundred fifty million pounds, an impact on the state's economy of more than three hundred million dollars each year that provides direct and indirect employment in the crawfish industry for more than seven thousand persons; and

WHEREAS, in addition to performing its official duties over the past three decades, the board has made the children of Louisiana a priority and makes special efforts on behalf of their education; and

WHEREAS, the board financed the printing and binding of more than one hundred books, housed in the Louisiana section of the Louisiana State Library, all of which were written and illustrated by Louisiana students, and paid for many of them to be placed online where they are free and accessible by the public; and

WHEREAS, there are comprehensive questions at the end of each book for teachers to use for assessment, and the books are being enjoyed in schools throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the board has sponsored and financed performances promoting literacy throughout Louisiana and children's literacy tents at festivals held by organizations such as Louisiana Public Broadcasting and Loyola University upon its centennial celebration; and

1 WHEREAS, the board also financed the publication and printing of approximately
2 fourteen thousand free coloring books promoting both the state and literacy, which are given
3 to children after touring the Louisiana State Museum; and

4 WHEREAS, in addition, the board is financing and distributing the *Crawfish Tales*
5 book series; elementary school libraries in approximately thirty parishes have received these
6 books, and the board's goal is to place the book series in every elementary school library in
7 every parish; and

8 WHEREAS, the contribution of a portion of every dollar spent purchasing Louisiana
9 crawfish goes toward the education of Louisiana's children, which clearly demonstrates how
10 truly committed the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board is to the state's
11 young people; and

12 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board merits a special
13 measure of commendation for its dedication to the students of Louisiana.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and
16 Research Board for its contributions to the education of the children of Louisiana.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
18 to the chairperson of the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES