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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Edwards to Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution No. 163 by Representative Garofalo

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

3 "WHEREAS, the current monetary jury threshold for certain types of
 4 civil cases was increased in 1993 to conform to the federal diversity
 5 jurisdictional level of fifty thousand dollars; and

6 WHEREAS, the current federal diversity jurisdictional level has since
 7 been raised to seventy five thousand dollars; and

8 WHEREAS, certain factors are unique to Louisiana, such as our
 9 civilian law system and our manner of funding civil jury trials by charging
 10 costs to the litigants; and

11 WHEREAS, unlike other states with lower jury thresholds, civil jury
 12 trials are unavailable to Louisiana litigants, regardless of the monetary
 13 threshold, in a suit on an unconditional obligation to pay a specific sum of
 14 money, summary and executory proceedings, probate and partition cases,
 15 workers' compensation, emancipation, tutorship, interdiction, curatorship,
 16 filiation, annulment of marriage, or divorce proceedings and many other
 17 types of civil cases; and"