

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the town of Abita Springs, Louisiana, for joining the Sierra Club Ready for 100 movement.

WHEREAS, the Abita Springs town council has pledged to achieve one hundred percent clean electricity for all municipal buildings in the town by December 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club Ready For 100 Program seeks to lead the United States toward one hundred percent clean and renewable energy for all by securing commitments from mayors of U.S. cities to transition to one hundred percent renewable energy in one or more energy-use sectors of their cities: electricity, buildings, or transportation; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of the transition to one hundred percent renewable energy are widespread because developing clean energy sources like wind and solar translate directly to job creation, a reliable energy supply, lower energy costs, improved public health, and a better environment; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana stands to benefit from existing expertise in building and installing offshore wind platforms and solar installations, especially with state support in forging new relationships that will help build existing industries into leaders in the renewable energy industry; and

WHEREAS, as of December 2017, fifty U.S. cities are committed to work for one hundred percent renewable energy for their cities, and Louisiana proudly boasts one of those cities; and

WHEREAS, in March 2017, the Abita Springs town council, comprised of Aldermen Patrick Berrigan, Daniel Curtis, Gina Kilpatrick Harper, Ryan Murphy, and Leslie Blich Welliver, with the support of the Honorable Greg Lemons, mayor of Abita Springs, voted

unanimously to pass a resolution committing the city to transition to one hundred percent clean electricity for all Abita Springs municipal buildings by December 31, 2030; the council seeks to achieve this goal through net metering, energy efficiency retrofits for the one hundred twenty-seven-year-old town hall and other community buildings, installing solar panels on public buildings, and potentially turning an old sod farm and other agricultural farm acreage into solar farms; and

WHEREAS, this positive, sustainable step taken by the Abita Springs town council is commendable and should be recognized for its important contribution to Louisiana's future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the town of Abita Springs, Louisiana, for joining the Sierra Club Ready for 100 movement and pledging to achieve one hundred percent clean electricity for all Abita Springs municipal buildings by December 31, 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Greg Lemons, mayor of Abita Springs.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES