

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER

FUNDS/FUNDING: Urges and requests the state treasurer to provide for an extension for residents of Cameron and Calcasieu parishes to apply for funds available through the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state treasurer to provide for an extension for residents of Cameron
3 and Calcasieu parishes to apply for funds available through the Louisiana Main
4 Street Recovery Program.

5 WHEREAS, residents in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes have faced unprecedented
6 hardships in the year 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, prolonged closures, capacity restrictions, and other public health
8 measures introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have wreaked financial havoc
9 on small businesses throughout Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, in the midst of this economic upheaval, Hurricane Laura further
11 crippled businesses in Southwest Louisiana with flooding and extensive infrastructure and
12 property damage; and

13 WHEREAS, the legislature created the Main Street Recovery Program to provide
14 relief to small businesses suffering from the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

15 WHEREAS, the state treasurer ceased accepting applications for the program on
16 September twenty-ninth but recognized a need to grant additional time to applicants in
17 parishes affected by Hurricane Laura; and

18 WHEREAS, the treasurer has allowed applicants in hurricane affected parishes until
19 midnight on October thirty-first to upload requested documents, but only if they applied by
20 the September twenty-ninth deadline; and

1 WHEREAS, many residents of the parishes of Cameron and Calcasieu were without
2 electricity and internet service from the time Hurricane Laura struck Louisiana on August
3 twenty-seventh until the time the treasurer stopped accepting new applications on September
4 twenty-ninth; and

5 WHEREAS, with the successive natural disasters battering Southwest Louisiana,
6 many small business owners were unable to submit applications for grants prior to the
7 treasurer's September twenty-ninth deadline and have missed the opportunity to receive
8 critical funding.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state treasurer to provide for an
11 extension through October thirty-first for residents of Cameron and Calcasieu parishes to
12 apply for funds available through the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the state treasurer to provide for an extension through Oct. 31st for residents of Cameron and Calcasieu parishes to apply for funds available through the La. Main Street Recovery Program.