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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 312

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To commend United Kingdom Consul General, Richard Hyde, on his engagement with and interest in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, United Kingdom Consul General Richard Hyde is a career diplomat who has served in a range of diplomatic and commercial positions around the world; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde served as the British deputy high commissioner in Bangalore, India, from 2007 until 2011; he then served as the British deputy high commissioner in Hyderabad, India, and led work on restructuring the British government's network in India from 2011 through 2013; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde headed the advanced manufacturing investment team at UK Trade and Investment in London from 2013 to 2015; in this role he promoted foreign direct investment into the United Kingdom; he also served as a director of Caribbean and Central American affairs at the Department for International Trade based in Caracas, Venezuela, and later San Jose, Costa Rica, from 2015 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde commenced his position as Her Majesty's Consul General in Houston, Texas, in June 2019; in this role, he has the overall responsibility for leading the United Kingdom's engagement in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde made his first visit to Louisiana within a month of his arrival in the United States; he was welcomed by Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser and members of the Louisiana Chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire; he has made several additional visits during his tenure, engaging with governors, mayors, parish presidents, and state legislators; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde oversaw the first visit by a British minister, the Honorable David Rutley MP, to Louisiana in over a decade, seeking to promote stronger commercial and security ties with the state; earlier this year, he was a featured speaker at the International Partnering Forum energy conference held in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Hyde is particularly interested in Louisiana history; he has used his Houston home to host specialists from the National World War II Museum who gave a lecture in honor of Sir Winston Churchill; and

WHEREAS, United Kingdom Consul General Richard Hyde is an accomplished diplomat whose dedication to strengthening the bonds between the United Kingdom and the state of Louisiana warrants the highest recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend United Kingdom Consul General, Richard Hyde, on his engagement with and interest in Louisiana and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors, both personal and professional, for many years to come.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES