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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY SENATOR BROOME

LOANS. Requests that the Louisiana Credit Union League work on viable loan and product alternatives for consumers who do not qualify for traditional bank loans and services.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Credit Union League to work on viable loan and product
3 alternatives for consumers who do not qualify for traditional bank loans and services.

4 WHEREAS, millions of Americans borrow small loans to cover ordinary living
5 expenses and emergency events that may occur; and

6 WHEREAS, not every person who needs a small loan to cover his expenses qualifies
7 for bank loans or products so he is forced to borrow from companies that issue loans that
8 carry significant fees and interest rates; and

9 WHEREAS, the need for consumers to be able to make such loans to cover ordinary
10 and emergencies expenses exists and credit unions in states like North Carolina and
11 Wisconsin have launched programs that offer alternatives to traditional bank loans and
12 fast-cash lending; and

13 WHEREAS, one in three Americans are members of credit unions, which are entities
14 that are cooperative, member-owned, not-for-profit financial institutions organized to
15 promote thrift and provide credit to its members; and

16 WHEREAS, the primary goal of a credit union is to work towards encouraging its
17 members to save money and traditionally, credit unions make loans to people of ordinary
18 means; and

1 WHEREAS, members of credit unions would benefit from alternatives to traditional
2 bank loans and services when they need small loans to cover ordinary and emergency
3 expenses.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
5 does hereby urge and request that the Louisiana Credit Union League work on viable loan
6 and product alternatives to consumers who do not qualify for traditional bank loans, and
7 submit to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International
8 Affairs a written report by March 1, 2015, containing a description of loan and product
9 alternatives for such consumers and the feasibility of implementation in credit unions
10 throughout Louisiana.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 Louisiana Credit Union League.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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