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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 178

BY SENATOR CROWE

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Requests British Petroleum to provide funding to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System in the amount of thirty-five million dollars to establish and maintain programs of instruction in the technology and procedure of oil spill cleanup.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request British Petroleum (BP) to provide funding to the Louisiana Community
3 and Technical College System (LCTCS) in the amount of thirty-five million dollars
4 to establish and maintain programs of instruction in the technology and procedure
5 of oil spill and hazardous waste cleanup.

6 WHEREAS, as a result of the explosion and fire aboard the Deepwater Horizon
7 drilling rig on April 20, 2010, and the resultant oil leak disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, many
8 Louisiana workers are searching for new job skills and new employment; and

9 WHEREAS, a federal six-month moratorium on deepwater drilling in the Gulf of
10 Mexico has many workers concerned; and

11 WHEREAS, so many Louisiana workers, families, and businesses are affected by the
12 oil spill disaster, and are unaware how extensive or how long the damage to jobs may last;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, for years, many Louisianians have been indebted to the oil industry
15 which has provided thousands of good-paying jobs; and

16 WHEREAS, in the angst of the drilling moratorium, many Louisiana workers,
17 families, and businesses will feel the effects of this oil disaster; and

18 WHEREAS, as offshore employment potentially fades, many workers must look to

1 the LCTCS for directives, support, and training; and

2 WHEREAS, the colleges that make up LCTCS include Acadiana Technical College,
3 Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Capital Area
4 Technical College, Central Louisiana Technical College, Delgado Community College, L.E.
5 Fletcher Technical Community College, Louisiana Delta Community College, Northeast
6 Louisiana Technical College, Northshore Technical College, Northwest Louisiana Technical
7 College, Nunez Community College, South Central Louisiana Technical College, South
8 Louisiana Community College, and Sowela Technical Community College; and

9 WHEREAS, the mission of the LCTCS is to improve the quality of life of
10 Louisiana's citizens through educational programs offered through each college; and

11 WHEREAS, LCTCS strives to increase employment opportunities for Louisiana's
12 workforce through various skills training programs; and

13 WHEREAS, LCTCS works to provide citizens with opportunities to learn new skills
14 and is committed to teaching what is needed, when it is needed, and where it is needed; and

15 WHEREAS, LCTCS offers degrees to people needing to move directly into the world
16 of work, re-trains those changing jobs or those that have lost their jobs and need new skills;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, LCTCS provides general education and workforce training curriculums,
19 and re-training through the Incumbent Worker Training Program; and

20 WHEREAS, LCTCS has already begun work to provide trainers to supply oil spill
21 response workers and has conducted the Module 3 class entitled "Post-Emergency Spilled
22 Oil Cleanup" which prepares individuals for the hazards of oil spill cleanup work; and

23 WHEREAS, in the near future, LCTCS will begin conducting Module 2 training, the
24 "Contractor Expectations" class, which provides contractors with a basic health, safety and
25 environmental orientation focusing on pre-job safety, job planning, risk identification and
26 the right to discontinue the job if conditions are rendered unsafe; and

27 WHEREAS, LCTCS trainers will also begin providing hazardous waste operations
28 and emergency response training, which fully prepares trainees for safe and effective
29 hazardous waste cleanup; and

30 WHEREAS, on May 26, 2010, the first day of instruction, LCTCS instructors trained

1 more than three hundred workers and as June 18, 2010, more than three thousand individuals
2 have been trained and are job-ready to repair our damaged Gulf Coast; and

3 WHEREAS, trained individuals directly assist in cleaning the spill-contaminated
4 shoreline and vessel operations; and

5 WHEREAS, as LCTCS classes continue, the respective LCTCS colleges are sending
6 mobile teams to various locations to meet the training needs of local citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, the importance and need to bring Louisiana citizens back to work who
8 are affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and the moratorium is of paramount concern
9 to the members of the Senate.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
11 does hereby urge and request British Petroleum to provide funding to the Louisiana
12 Community and Technical College System in the amount of thirty-five million dollars to
13 establish and maintain programs of instruction in the technology and procedure of oil and
14 hazardous waste cleanup.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
16 Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of British Petroleum and to the
17 members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

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SR No.

Requests BP to provide funding to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System
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technology and procedure of oil spill and hazardous waste cleanup.