

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY SENATORS CHABERT AND MORRELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to study the feasibility of attracting an existing Major League Soccer franchise or expansion team to locate in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Major League Soccer is a growing and dynamic professional sports association that conducts soccer at its highest level in North America; and

WHEREAS, Major League Soccer does not currently have any franchises located in the southeastern section of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has a thriving and growing youth soccer movement with an estimated forty thousand participants on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has a strong tradition of supporting its sports teams; and

WHEREAS, the placement of an existing Major League Soccer franchise or expansion team in Louisiana would create jobs and attract soccer enthusiasts from across the nation to Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to study the feasibility of attracting an existing Major League Soccer franchise or expansion team to locate in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall submit a written report of its findings together with any recommendations for legislation, to the Senate no later than February 1, 2014.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE