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**2016-0117**

**INTRODUCED BY: ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 6206**

A resolution urging the support of Legislation to continue funding for the LSU AgCenter offices and further requesting the support of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and all Parish Governments of the State for said position.

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Council urges and requests that the Governor, State legislators, and the Louisiana Board of Regents fully fund the LSU AgCenter (LSUAC) at the same level of State appropriations due to the critical economic development and educational services they provide in all 64 Louisiana parishes; and,

**WHEREAS,** agricultural research developed through the Experiment Stations and delivery of research through the Cooperative Extension Service is vital and necessary to provide the technology to help farmers and ranchers provide a high quality, safe and affordable food supply for Louisiana people; and,

**WHEREAS,** agricultural research and cooperative extension outreach is vital and necessary to provide the technology to support agricultural production and development related jobs in Louisiana, an industry worth over \$30 Billion to the Louisiana economy; and,

**WHEREAS,** the AgCenter's off campus research stations provide core research support for Louisiana farmers and ranchers; and,

**WHEREAS,** the AgCenter's Cooperative Extension Service is a Parish partner providing research-based information to farmers, ranchers, and citizens throughout the state through 64 parish-based offices that are provided by local government; and,

**WHEREAS,** over 130 local police juries, consolidated governments, school boards, district attorneys and sheriffs in Louisiana are currently participating in and supporting cooperative agreements with the LSU AgCenter supporting Parish level programs; and,

**WHEREAS,** the LSU AgCenter implements a very effective 4-H youth development program impacting over 225,000 children in all 64 parishes and this program is vital to the education and life skill development of Louisiana youth; and,

**WHEREAS,** the AgCenter's family and consumer Science programs provide critical information to families on nutrition, healthy lifestyles, financial management, and childhood development; and,

**WHEREAS,** through this partnership, research-based information is developed and transferred through an effective system in every parish using grass roots advisory councils that identify local needs, based on citizen involvement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL,** does hereby urge the support of Legislation to continue funding for the LSU AgCenter Offices and further requests the support of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and all Parish Governments of the State for said position.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** BENEDETTO, HOGAN, WILSON, CLULEE, GIBBS, WOODRUFF, BELLOCK, FLETCHER, FISHER-PERRIER

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of March, 2016, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

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CHAIRMAN: Walter Benedetto

SECRETARY: Zifang K. Clark v6

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: 3/9/16

APPROVED: [Signature] DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]

RETD/SECRETARY: 3/9/16

AT: 2:50 pm RECD BY: JKC v6