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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 283

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TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Urges and requests that the Department of Transportation and Development to install left turn caution light signals at certain intersections

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to install left turn
3 caution light signals on existing traffic signals at certain intersections in St. Bernard
4 Parish.

5 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Transportation, left turns
6 are one of the most dangerous driving maneuvers, accounting for about twenty-six percent
7 of all car accidents; and

8 WHEREAS, federal data shows that approximately fifty-three percent of crossing-
9 path crashes involved left turns, compared to only about six percent involving right turns;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana is dedicated to creating the most safe conditions possible for
12 its drivers; and

13 WHEREAS, the following intersections in St. Bernard Parish have been identified
14 as dangerous for drivers making left turns:

15 (1) Paris Road (Louisiana Highway 47) and Old Paris Road (north bound turning
16 lane) near the Arlene Meraux School in Chalmette.

17 (2) West Judge Perez Drive (Louisiana Highway 39) and Mehle Street in Arabi.

18 (3) West St. Bernard Highway (Louisiana Highway 46) and Judge Melvin Perez
19 Parkway (west bound turning lane) in Chalmette.

20 (4) Paris Road (Louisiana Highway 47) and West Virtue Street in Chalmette.

1 WHEREAS, these intersections do not currently have left turn caution light signals
2 on existing traffic signals; and

3 WHEREAS, installing left turn caution light signals on existing traffic signals will
4 enhance the safety of motorists that are in the adjacent turning lane of roadways with high
5 volumes of industrial and commercial traffic.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and
8 Development to install left turn caution light signals on existing traffic signals at the
9 following intersections:

10 (1) Paris Road (Louisiana Highway 47) and Old Paris Road (north bound turning
11 lane) near the Arlene Meraux School in Chalmette.

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14 Parkway (west bound turning lane) in Chalmette.

15 (4) Paris Road (Louisiana Highway 47) and West Virtue Street in Chalmette.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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