

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 242

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

HOMELAND SECURITY: Creates the Louisiana State Homeland Security Task Force

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create the Louisiana State Homeland Security Task Force to study and recommend
3 policies and legislation addressing critical homeland security threats to the state, and
4 to report its findings concerning these matters to the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes
7 that escalating security threats, both domestic and international, imperil the safety, economic
8 stability, and sovereignty of this state; and

9 WHEREAS, the tragic terrorist attack in New Orleans on January 1, 2025,
10 underscores the urgent need for unified state action to prevent future incidents; and

11 WHEREAS, unauthorized unmanned aerial systems, known by the acronym UAS,
12 increasingly threaten critical infrastructure such as power grids, communication networks,
13 and transportation systems; and

14 WHEREAS, cyber attacks targeting public and private networks jeopardize sensitive
15 data and operational continuity, while foreign adversaries' acquisition of Louisiana's critical
16 infrastructure, including agricultural lands and properties near military installations, poses
17 a strategic risk; and

18 WHEREAS, the continued procurement of hardware from rogue foreign entities, in
19 violation of Act No. 288 of the 2021 Regular Session of the legislature and the 2019
20 National Defense Authorization Act, endangers state security; and

1 WHEREAS, the theft of intellectual property from Louisiana's research institutions
2 and the vulnerability of intermodal transportation systems, particularly ports, threaten
3 economic vitality; and

4 WHEREAS, a coordinated, multi-agency task force is essential to assess these
5 threats, develop robust policies, and propose legislation to safeguard Louisiana's citizens,
6 infrastructure, and economy.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Louisiana State Homeland Security Task
9 Force to study and address critical security threats to this state.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
11 following members:

- 12 (1) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.
- 13 (2) A member appointed by the governor.
- 14 (3) A member appointed by the lieutenant governor.
- 15 (4) The attorney general or his designee.
- 16 (5) The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
17 Preparedness or his designee.
- 18 (6) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his
19 designee.
- 20 (7) A member of the Public Service Commission appointed by the chairman of the
21 commission.
- 22 (8) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.
- 23 (9) The state superintendent of education or his designee.
- 24 (10) The executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association or his designee.
- 25 (11) The executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or his
26 designee.
- 27 (12) The superintendent of Louisiana State Police or his designee.
- 28 (13) The president of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or his designee.
- 29 (14) The adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard or his designee.

1 (15) The field office director of the New Orleans office of the Federal Bureau of
2 Investigation or his designee.

3 (16) An attorney with expertise in Louisiana law related to law enforcement,
4 homeland security, and public safety appointed by the speaker of the House of
5 Representatives.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
7 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be
8 individually entitled as members of the organizations they respectively represent.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall elect a chairman, vice
10 chairman, and secretary by a majority vote of its members.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duties of the task force shall include all of
12 the following:

13 (1) Assess threats to Louisiana's critical infrastructure, cybersecurity, transportation
14 systems, and intellectual property.

15 (2) Evaluate the impact of foreign acquisitions and hardware procurement from
16 rogue adversaries.

17 (3) Develop policy and legislative recommendations to enhance state security and
18 resilience.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a comprehensive
20 report of its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library, as
22 required by R.S. 24:772, no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular
23 Session.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, unless extended by the legislature, legislative
25 authority for the task force shall expire one year after the initial meeting of the task force.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the director of the Governor's Office
28 of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the secretary of the Department of
29 Transportation and Development, the chairman of the Public Service Commission, the
30 commissioner of higher education, the state superintendent of education, the executive

1 director of the Louisiana Municipal Association, the executive director of the Police Jury
2 Association of Louisiana, the superintendent of Louisiana State Police, the president of the
3 Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, and
4 the field office director of the New Orleans office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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