

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR PETERSON

GOVERNOR. Denounces the executive budget and requests the governor to restore funds to the New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority - Morial Convention Center.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To denounce the Governor's Executive Budget for sweeping one hundred million dollars
3 from the Morial Convention Center and to urge and request the Governor to restore
4 these funds and support responsible budgeting through the use of stable, reoccurring
5 funds and avoiding the reliance on one-time fund raids.

6 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority - Morial Convention Center
7 receives considerable proceeds from a tax on the sale of hotel and motel rooms in the City
8 of New Orleans; and

9 WHEREAS, the volume of hotel sales is concurrent with the overall health of the
10 tourism and convention industry; and

11 WHEREAS, the tourism and convention industry as a whole is a dynamic engine of
12 economic growth, empowerment, and innovation for the entire New Orleans region,
13 providing jobs and opportunities for thousands of Louisianians; and

14 WHEREAS, New Orleans' tourism industry welcomed 9.01 million visitors in 2012,
15 record numbers not seen by the city in nearly ten years; and

16 WHEREAS, the growth of tourism, and the hotel/motel tax revenue it creates, is the
17 result of the dedicated, cooperative efforts of tourism professionals, local public officials,
18 entrepreneurs, businesses and citizens in and around New Orleans; and

1 WHEREAS, the Governor's executive budget takes one hundred million dollars of
2 reserve funds accumulated through revenues culled from the success of New Orleans'
3 tourism market and reallocates those dollars for regular state government functions in
4 regions outside of the New Orleans region.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 does hereby denounce the Governor's executive budget.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
8 hereby urge and request the Governor to cancel his request to take any monies from the New
9 Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority and instead promote more responsible methods of funding
10 state government through stable, reoccurring funding sources.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Honorable Bobby Jindal.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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