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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENSGENS AND CHAMPAGNE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a study and make recommendations relative to a hurricane evacuation route for and economic development of Louisiana Highway 330, south of Abbeville through Henry, as well as providing a turning lane at the major economic development site.

WHEREAS, the maintenance of roads and highways is of great importance to the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 330, from the city of Abbeville to the town of Henry, is a major thoroughfare in the parish of Vermilion, and is in need of significant maintenance and overlay; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Parish sustained significant flood and wind damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, and a hurricane evacuation route is vital to emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, providing a turning lane at this site will alleviate congestion and aid in traffic flow during hurricane evacuation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that the Department of Transportation and Development conduct a study of Louisiana Highway 330, south of Abbeville through Henry, and make recommendations regarding a hurricane evacuation route, economic development, and providing a turning lane at the major economic development site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study by the Department of Transportation of Development should consider assessments of the following: (1) all safe and practical modes of transportation available for evacuations, including contraflow; (2) the extent to which evacuation plans are coordinated with adjoining jurisdictions; (3) methods of communicating evacuation plans and preparing citizens in advance of evacuations; (4)

methods of coordinating communication with evacuees during plan execution; (5) the availability of food, water, restrooms, fueling stations, and shelter opportunities along evacuation routes; and (6) the time required to evacuate under the plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development shall make a written report to the Louisiana House of Representatives detailing their findings no later than January 1, 2015.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES