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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENSGENS

TRANSPORTATION: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study and make recommendations relative to a hurricane evacuation route for and economic development of a portion of Highway 35 south of Rayne to Highway 92

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a study
3	and make recommendations relative to a hurricane evacuation route for and
4	economic development of a portion of Louisiana Highway 35, south of Rayne to
5	Louisiana Highway 92.
6	WHEREAS, the maintenance of roads and highways is of great importance to the
7	state of Louisiana; and
8	WHEREAS, economic development and transportation are closely linked; and
9	WHEREAS, economic development stimulates transportation demand by increasing
10	the number of workers commuting to and from work, customers traveling to and from
11	service areas, and products being shipped between producers and consumers; and
12	WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 35, south of the city of Rayne, to Louisiana
13	Highway 92, is a major thoroughfare in the parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion,
14	and is in need of significant maintenance and overlay; and
15	WHEREAS, Vermilion Parish sustained significant flood and wind damage from
16	Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, and a hurricane evacuation route is vital to emergency
17	preparedness; and
18	WHEREAS, a designated hurricane evacuation route could be used to facilitate
19	evacuation management on Louisiana Highway 35 south of Rayne to Louisiana Highway
20	92; and

1 WHEREAS, these improvements to the portion of Highway 35 south of Rayne to 2 Highway 92 would support economic growth and hurricane evacuation and improve the 3 quality of life of residents along this stretch of highway.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that the Department of Transportation 5 6 and Development conduct a study of Louisiana Highway 35, south of Rayne to Louisiana Highway 92, and make recommendations regarding a hurricane evacuation route and 7 8 economic development.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study by the Department of Transportation 10 and Development should consider assessments of the following: (1) all safe and practical 11 modes of transportation available for evacuations, including contraflow; (2) the extent to 12 which evacuation plans are coordinated with adjoining jurisdictions; (3) methods of 13 communicating evacuation plans and preparing citizens in advance of evacuations; (4) 14 methods of coordinating communication with evacuees during plan execution; (5) the 15 availability of food, water, restrooms, fueling stations, and shelter opportunities along 16 evacuation routes; (6) the time required to evacuate under the plan; and (7) methods for 17 increasing economic development along the portion of Louisiana Highway 35, south of 18 Rayne, Louisiana to Louisiana Highway 92.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and 20 Development shall make a written report to the Louisiana House of Representatives detailing

- 21 their findings no later than January 1, 2016.
- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 23 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to conduct a study and make recommendations relative to a hurricane evacuation route for and economic development of La. Highway 35 south of Rayne to La. Highway 92. Requires the department to make a written report to the La. House of Representatives no later than Jan. 1, 2016.