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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

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AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Memorializes the United States Congress to develop, implement, and enforce policies and procedures that will enhance airport safety

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to develop,
3	implement, and enforce policies and procedures that will enhance airport safety.
4	WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Transportation's Bureau
5	of Transportation Statistics, United States airlines and foreign airlines serving the United
6	States carried over eight hundred ninety-five million passengers in 2015; and
7	WHEREAS, airports contribute significantly to local, national, and global economies
8	and provide jobs and fuel trade for economic development; and
9	WHEREAS, approximately forty percent of all tourists travel by air, forty-five
10	million tons of freight are transported annually by air, and fourteen million jobs around the
11	world are tied to air travel, which heavily contribute to economic advancement; and
12	WHEREAS, there are over nineteen thousand airports serving the United States with
13	seven airports located in the state of Louisiana; and
14	WHEREAS, safety and security are of great concern and are key influencing factors
15	when people select a mode of transportation and a travel destination; and
16	WHEREAS, on a daily basis, the lives of countless airline passengers are dependent
17	upon the implementation of safety regulations adopted to protect the public interest both in
18	the air and at the airport; and
19	WHEREAS, while significant measures have been taken to enhance airport and
20	traveler safety and security professionals are focused on extensive security investments to
21	protect airports and civilians from threats, considerable vulnerabilities still remain; and

1 WHEREAS, public areas of an airport, such as the baggage claim and ticket areas, 2 remain vulnerable because the focus of security is primarily devoted to screening passengers 3 to keep flights safe; and 4 WHEREAS, the perceived weaknesses of an airport can be transformed into potential 5 strengths with appropriate security solutions; and 6 WHEREAS, as security systems become more reliable, competitively priced, and 7 advanced, and there is better integration of products from various equipment manufacturers, 8 security challenges can be overcome with effective solutions; and 9 WHEREAS, in addition to detection and monitoring of movement prior to accessing 10 the terminal of airports, perimeter security could be used to control, manage, and verify a 11 high volume of traffic at the initial point of contact at an airport. 12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 13 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to develop, 14 implement, and enforce additional safeguards, policies, and procedures that will significantly 15 enhance airport safety. 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 17 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the 18 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

## DIGEST

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Memorializes Congress to take a proactive approach in developing, implementing, and enforcing additional safeguards that will significantly improve airport safety.