



1           WHEREAS, in 1921, the legislature created the Louisiana Highway Commission as  
2 an independent state agency and approved ten maintenance districts; and

3           WHEREAS, in 1922, the legislature passed a one-cent gas tax; and

4           WHEREAS, in 1926, the legislature deemed a two-cent gas tax inadequate and  
5 recommended a four-cent gas tax; and

6           WHEREAS, in 1930, the legislature approved bond insurance for highway and  
7 bridge construction; and

8           WHEREAS, in 1940, the Louisiana Department of Highways, formerly the Louisiana  
9 Highway Commission, was established under the leadership of the Board of Highways and  
10 a Director; and

11           WHEREAS, in 1948, the legislature increased the gas tax to nine-cent; and

12           WHEREAS, in 1953, the legislature diverted three-eighths of a cent of the state sales  
13 tax to secondary, gravel and shell, road improvements; and

14           WHEREAS, in 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law the Federal  
15 Aid Highway Act of 1956 enacting the beginning of the Interstate Highway System; and

16           WHEREAS, in 1968, the legislature decreased the gas tax to eight-cent; and

17           WHEREAS, in 1976, the Department of Highways and Public Works was abolished  
18 and the legislature established the Louisiana Department of Transportation and  
19 Development; and

20           WHEREAS, in 1984, the legislature increased the gas tax to sixteen-cent; and

21           WHEREAS, in 1989, the legislature increased the gas tax to twenty-cent; and

22           WHEREAS, in 1998, the Department of Transportation and Development  
23 reorganized to its current configuration of five offices under the office of the secretary; and

24           WHEREAS, in 2000, the first traffic cameras were installed on Interstate 12 in Baton  
25 Rouge; and

26           WHEREAS, in 2006, the John Audubon Bridge construction was the first state  
27 design-build project; and

28           WHEREAS, in 2021, the Department of Transportation and Development celebrates  
29 one hundred years of delivering infrastructure; and

1           WHEREAS, in 2021, the cost to repair existing highways to adequate standards is  
2 fourteen billion eight million dollars; and

3           WHEREAS, in 2021, the current budget of the department is two billion and the gas  
4 tax remains at twenty-cent.

5           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
6 recognize and commend the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development on  
7 its centennial celebration and does express sincere appreciation for the many years of  
8 planning, designing, building, and sustaining infrastructure needs of Louisiana citizens.

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

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Recognizes and commends the Dept. of Transportation and Development on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of delivering a safe and innovative multimodal transportation and infrastructure system.