

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 157

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to include the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport in the passenger rail system between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Super Region encompasses New Orleans, Baton Rouge, the Bayou Region and surrounding areas, and contains over sixty-five percent of Louisiana's population and over sixty-eight percent of all jobs in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Rail Commission's priority projects include the Baton Rouge to New Orleans passenger rail system, which would serve to connect the major population and support economic growth for the Louisiana Super Region; and

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge to New Orleans passenger rail is projected to take trips twice a day with stops in Baton Rouge, Gonzales, LaPlace, the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, and the New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal next to the Superdome in downtown New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the passenger rail service would provide an alternative to automobile transportation to better connect two of the largest Metropolitan areas in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the passenger rail service from Baton Rouge to New Orleans is intended to serve the major population; however, the route does not encompass the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport's economic impact is over one billion dollars and it provides approximately four thousand five hundred jobs; and

WHEREAS, including the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport in the Baton Rouge to New Orleans passenger rail would support economic growth and provide alternate

transportation route for workers, tourists, travelers, and citizens in the greater Baton Rouge area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to include the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport in the passenger rail system between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES