



1 WHEREAS, the addition of sidewalks would reduce pedestrian crashes and allow  
2 a designated area for pedestrians to walk, run, or jog without the risk of being struck by a  
3 vehicle; and

4 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration Safety Program's guidance  
5 statement recommends providing accessible sidewalks or pathways along both sides of the  
6 streets on highways in urban areas particularly near school zones and transit locations where  
7 there is frequent pedestrian activity; and

8 WHEREAS, for less developed areas with occasional pedestrian traffic expected, the  
9 guidance statement provides that walkable shoulders be provided along both sides of  
10 highways at a minimum of four feet of stabilized or paved surface; and

11 WHEREAS, Reserve, Louisiana, particularly River Road, has several schools,  
12 churches, and local businesses, resulting in constant pedestrian travel; and

13 WHEREAS, Reserve, Louisiana, is a rural area that is in need of sidewalks to better  
14 serve the local population and promote safety.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and  
17 Development to study conditions on Louisiana Highway 44 in Reserve, Louisiana, to add  
18 sidewalks.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and  
20 Development shall submit a report detailing its findings to the House Committee on  
21 Transportation, Highways and Public Works by January 3, 2025.

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

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DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study conditions on La. Hwy. 44 in Reserve, La., to add sidewalks to better serve the local population and promote safety. Requires the DOTD to submit a written report detailing its findings to the House transportation committee by Jan. 3, 2025.