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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 280

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request members of the House of Representatives and state officials, including appropriate persons at the Department of Transportation and Development and Louisiana Economic Development, to read and review the Critical Development Issues Overview report by Vickerman and Associates, LLC that was commissioned by the St. Bernard parish government.

WHEREAS, the Port of New Orleans has proposed the creation of a new container terminal project entitled the Louisiana International Terminal Container to be constructed in St. Bernard; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Louisiana International Terminal will impact every aspect of the entire St. Bernard community; and

WHEREAS, residents of St. Bernard have voiced hesitancy and concern about the Louisiana International Terminal being constructed within their community; and

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Parish government commissioned a report based on Freedom of Information Act responses from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, state port authorities, and maritime industry public information and data entitled Critical Development Issues Overview; and

WHEREAS, the report opines that the Port of New Orleans neglected to conduct or share crucial project due-diligence information and analysis to adequately justify this mega container and intermodal rail terminal development proposal; and

WHEREAS, the report further states that not conducting a comprehensive site selection analysis would be a strategic mistake for Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the Louisiana International Terminal is shown by the report to drastically impact local infrastructure, traffic, and roadways; and

WHEREAS, the recent barge collision incidents at Galveston Bay in Texas and at the Patapsco River in Baltimore are indicative of the type of catastrophic scenarios that could potentially occur in the vicinity of the Louisiana International Terminal, including possible harm to levees that could be detrimental to human life; and

WHEREAS, the issues considered in the Critical Development Issues Overview report should be considered by state legislators and officials in selecting the location of the Louisiana International Terminal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that every member of the House of Representatives and the appropriate personnel at both the Department of Transportation and Development and Louisiana Economic Development read and consider the Critical Development Issues Overview report by Vickerman and Associates, LLC that was commissioned by the St. Bernard parish government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Bernard parish government shall transmit physical and electronic copies of the report to the Department of Transportation and Development Office of Multimodal Commerce, to Louisiana Economic Development Office of International Commerce, and to each Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each member of the House of Representatives as well as the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development and the secretary of the Louisiana Economic Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES