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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To create a task force to study the occurrence and effect of fraud committed against elderly

3 persons in Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, as technology and automation evolves, a growing fraud industry is

5 stealing billions from consumers each year; and

6 WHEREAS, over eighty-four thousand Louisianans were victims of fraud and scams

7 resulting in eighty-nine million four hundred thousand dollars in losses in 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, every two seconds, a Louisianan becomes a victim of identity theft,

9 exemplifying the urgent and pervasive nature of this crime; and

10 WHEREAS, older adults are often prime targets for scammers due to factors such

11 as accumulated savings, limited familiarity with digital technology, and increased social

12 isolation, which can heighten their vulnerability to financial exploitation and identity theft;

13 and

14 WHEREAS, according to a recent AARP Fraud Watch Network report, over one

15 hundred forty-one million adults, representing forty-two percent of the United States

16 population, have had money or sensitive information stolen through fraud; and

17 WHEREAS, data from the Federal Trade Commission indicates that while younger

18 adults aged twenty to twenty-nine report losing money to fraud in forty-four percent of

19 cases, older adults aged seventy to seventy-nine report financial losses in only twenty-four

20 percent of cases, and those aged eighty and older experience the highest median losses of

21 any age group; and

1 WHEREAS, although older adults may report fraud less frequently than younger
2 individuals, the financial impact of these crimes is often far more devastating for seniors,
3 with significantly higher median losses among those aged seventy and above.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 recognize this growing issue affecting Louisianans and establishes the Senior Task Force on
6 Fraud Prevention.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force shall submit a written report of
8 findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Louisiana legislature, the office of the
9 governor, and the office of the attorney general no later than February 1, 2026.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of ten members
11 as follows:

12 (1) The governor, or his designee.

13 (2) The attorney general, or her designee.

14 (3) The director of AARP Louisiana, or his designee.

15 (4) The AARP director of fraud prevention, or his designee.

16 (5) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, or his designee.

17 (6) One designee appointed by the Better Business Bureau of South Central
18 Louisiana.

19 (7) One designee appointed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal
20 Investigation Division.

21 (8) One designee appointed by the United States Attorney's Office, Middle District
22 of Louisiana.

23 (9) The commissioner of the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions, or his
24 designee.

25 (10) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, or his
26 designee.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall review existing practices in
28 Louisiana and the national landscape in terms of responses in other states to this growing
29 issue.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall determine the economic and
2 human impact of fraud in this state.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members shall serve without compensation
4 except for per diem or expenses to which they may be entitled as members of their
5 organizations.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
7 constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action taken by the task force shall
8 require an affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum present and voting.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AARP of Louisiana shall call an organizational
10 meeting of the task force by August 1, 2025, at which the task force shall elect a chairman
11 and any other officers deemed necessary from among the membership.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the attorney general of Louisiana
13 shall provide staff support to the task force if needed.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force established pursuant to this
15 Resolution shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced
16 pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library in
17 accordance with R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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