Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial 1815-2015" on license plates for private passenger motor vehicles

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "Battle of New
3	Orleans Bicentennial 1815-2015" on the license plates for private passenger motor
4	vehicles and to issue such plates not later than January 2, 2014, through December
5	31, 2015, or until the Department of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its
6	inventory of plates.
7	WHEREAS, December 23, 2014, through January 8, 2015, marks the two hundredth
8	anniversary of the series of battles of the War of 1812 collectively referred to as the Battle
9	of New Orleans; and
10	WHEREAS, during the Battle of New Orleans, for the first time, Louisiana citizens
11	of diverse cultural, ethnic, social, religious, and racial backgrounds united and fought, not
12	as former colonial subjects, but as American citizens; and
13	WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of Freemen of Color, warriors from the
14	Choctaw Nation, Baratarian privateers, militia from Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, and
15	Tennessee, United States Marines, United States Navy sailors, and Regular Army units,
16	including the 7 th and 44 th Infantry regiments, helped to establish a national identity and
17	ensure continued control of the Mississippi Valley, which would facilitate the westward
18	expansion of the nation; and

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WHEREAS, the Battle of New Orleans marked the last armed conflict between 2 America and Great Britain, setting the stage for an alliance and friendship lasting to the 3 present day.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint Louisiana 5 6 license plates for private passenger motor vehicles with a design proposed by the Battle of 7 New Orleans Bicentennial Commission, thereby replacing the pelican imprint, and "Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial 1815-2015" on the bottom of the plate, thereby replacing the 8 9 words "Sportsman's Paradise" and which retains Louisiana in red on the top of the plate, and 10 on which shall be provided space for the yearly validation sticker in the bottom right-hand 11 corner.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the license plate described herein, which shall 13 require no additional state funding, shall be an official license plate.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections 15 shall begin imprinting the plates at such time and on such a schedule as necessary to allow 16 for issuance of the "Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial 1815-2015" license plate for private 17 passenger motor vehicles beginning not later than January 2, 2014, and shall continue 18 issuing such plates through December 31, 2015, or until the Department of Public Safety and 19 Corrections depletes its inventory of such plates, whichever is later.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on December 31, 2015, or after the Department 21 of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of such plates, whichever is later, the 22 department shall cease issuing the "Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial 1815-2015" license 23 plate and the design of the standard Louisiana license plate shall revert to the design which 24 received legislative approval as required in R.S. 47:463(A)(3) through passage of Senate 25 Concurrent Resolution No. 196 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be transmitted to the 27 secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the deputy secretary of the 28 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 30 to the Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial Commission.

DIGEST

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Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial 1815-2015" on official license plates for private passenger motor vehicles in accordance with a design developed by the Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial Commission. Provides that the department shall begin issuing the plates not later than Jan. 2, 2014, and continue to issue the plates through Dec. 31, 2015, or until the inventory of such plates shall be depleted, whichever is later. Provides that after Dec. 31, 2015, the license plate design shall revert to the design which received legislative approval as required in R.S. 47:463(A)(3) through passage of SCR No. 196 of the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature.