

1 WHEREAS, with the port authority of the Port of Alexandria restricted to the
2 municipal limits of the city of Alexandria, the port's authority covers only one side of the
3 Red River within the city of Alexandria's boundaries; and

4 WHEREAS, a regional port authority with jurisdiction to cover all of Rapides Parish
5 would allow for increased planning and competitive position for the port and region; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, CLEDA, and the
7 RRWC recommended legislation setting a timetable for the creation of a parishwide port
8 authority governing the Port of Alexandria to develop activities and provide opportunities
9 to develop a plan focused on the entire Red River waterway in Rapides Parish; and

10 WHEREAS, this expansion shall require more dedicated staffing, funding, target
11 industry analysis, strong interregional relationships, leadership training and stakeholder
12 education, as well as improved marketing; and

13 WHEREAS, in the effort to build interregional relationships, the parishwide port
14 authority shall include three commissioners appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria
15 and confirmed by the Alexandria City Council, three commissioners appointed by the
16 Rapides Parish Police Jury, one commissioner appointed jointly by the mayors of the
17 municipalities in Rapides Parish, except the municipalities of Alexandria and Pineville, and
18 shall be subject to confirmation by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, two commissioners
19 appointed by the mayor of the city of Pineville and confirmed by the board of aldermen of
20 the city of Pineville, and one commissioner appointed at large by the Central Louisiana
21 Chamber of Commerce and confirmed by the Alexandria City Council and the Rapides
22 Parish Police Jury.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 urge and request the development and creation of a parishwide port authority in Rapides
25 Parish.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution and the
27 Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance (CLEDA) report findings as legislated
28 by SCR No. 138 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature, be sent to all municipalities
29 in the parish of Rapides and the following economic development organizations: Greater
30 Alexandria Economic Development Authority, England Authority, Central Louisiana

1 Chamber of Commerce, North Rapides Business Alliance, and the Central Louisiana
2 Business League.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each economic development organization and
4 each municipality in the parish of Rapides shall pass a resolution in support or opposition
5 to the suggested formation of the parishwide port authority and report such resolution to the
6 House Committee on Municipal, Parochial, and Cultural Affairs by November 21, 2013.

DIGEST

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