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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVES LORUSSO, ADAMS, ARNOLD, BADON, BARROW, BERTHELOT, WESLEY BISHOP, BROWN, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, CARTER, COX, CROMER, DIXON, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GUINN, HARRISON, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HONORE, HOWARD, IVEY, KATRINA JACKSON, JONES, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEOPOLD, MACK, MILLER, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PYLANT, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, ST. GERMAIN, THOMPSON, AND WILLMOTT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint "Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial 1815-2015" on the license plates for private passenger motor vehicles and to issue such plates not later than January 2, 2014, through December 31, 2015, or until the Department of Public Safety and Corrections depletes its inventory of plates.

WHEREAS, December 23, 2014, through January 8, 2015, marks the two hundredth anniversary of the series of battles of the War of 1812 collectively referred to as the Battle of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, during the Battle of New Orleans, for the first time, Louisiana citizens of diverse cultural, ethnic, social, religious, and racial backgrounds united and fought, not as former colonial subjects, but as American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of Freeman of Color, warriors from the Choctaw Nation, Baratarians privateers, militia from Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee, United States Marines, United States Navy sailors, and Regular Army units, including the 7th and 44th Infantry regiments, helped to establish a national identity and ensure continued control of the Mississippi Valley, which would facilitate the westward expansion of the nation; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to imprint Louisiana license plates for private passenger motor vehicles with a design proposed by the Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial Commission, thereby replacing the pelican imprint, and "Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial 1815-2015" on the left side of the plate and www.louisianatravel.com on the bottom of the plate, thereby

replacing the words "Sportsman's Paradise" and which retains Louisiana in red on the top of the plate, and on which shall be provided space for the yearly validation sticker in the bottom right-hand corner.

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE