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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

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TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Directs DOTD to continue operation of the Edgard/Reserve and White Castle ferries and to prescribe and collect equitable ferry charges.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to continue operation of the
3	Edgard/Reserve and White Castle ferries and to prescribe and collect equitable ferry
4	charges to supplement state funds necessary to continue operation of the
5	Edgard/Reserve and White Castle ferries.
6	WHEREAS, in 2010, the Commission on Streamlining Government issued its
7	"Reorganization Plan" which plan recommended that the Department of Transportation and
8	Development eliminate four ferry routes (Melville, White Castle, Reserve, and New Roads);
9	and
10	WHEREAS, the department has eliminated the Melville and New Roads ferry routes;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development plans to eliminate
13	the ferry routes and to cease operations of the Edgard/Reserve and White Castle ferries
14	across the Mississippi River on June 30, 2013; and
15	WHEREAS, the Edgard/Reserve ferry route, Louisiana Highway 640, and the White
16	Castle ferry route, Louisiana Highway 3075, are infrastructures that are critical to tens of
17	thousands of Louisiana's residents who use these ferry routes daily to cross the Mississippi
18	River to commute to and from their places of employment; and

1	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Highway 640 Edgard/Reserve ferry route connects
2	Louisiana Highway 18 (west bank) across the Mississippi River to Louisiana Highway 44
3	(east bank); and
4	WHEREAS, the nearest alternative detour route to the Edgard/Reserve ferry route
5	across the Mississippi River is a distance of twenty-one miles via the Gramercy Bridge; and
6	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Highway 3075 White Castle ferry route connects
7	Louisiana Highway 405 (west bank) and Louisiana Highway 141 (east bank); and
8	WHEREAS, the nearest alternative detour route to the White Castle ferry route
9	across the Mississippi River is a distance of twenty-two miles via the Plaquemine ferry or
10	forty-two miles via the Sunshine Bridge; and
11	WHEREAS, R.S. 48:25 authorizes the department to prescribe and collect such ferry
12	charges as it determines necessary to maintain ferry services.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14	authorize and direct the Department of Transportation and Development to continue
15	operation of the Edgard/Reserve and White Castle ferries.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17	authorize and direct the Department of Transportation and Development to prescribe and
18	collect ferry charges to supplement state funds to continue the operation of the
19	Edgard/Reserve and White Castle ferries.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21	Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

Brown SCR No. 105

Directs DOTD to continue operation of the Edgard/Reserve and White Castle ferries and to prescribe and collect ferry charges to supplement state funds for such ferries.