

1 WHEREAS, it is believed that hundreds of new employment opportunities for
2 Louisiana citizens, particularly those living in the greater New Orleans area, would be
3 available if the amusement park was reopened; and

4 WHEREAS, the New Orleans area and the state of Louisiana are in need of
5 employment opportunities in the private sector; and

6 WHEREAS, an amusement park would bring substantial tourism dollars to New
7 Orleans East and to the greater New Orleans region including the north and south shores of
8 Lake Pontchartrain; and

9 WHEREAS, many amusement parks around the country have been the destinations
10 of choice for church and school youth groups and other visitors who bring tourism dollars
11 to the area as well as many missions-minded persons; and

12 WHEREAS, working together as a team, it is believed that a task force could
13 facilitate the gathering of information regarding federal, state, local and private funding
14 sources as well as economic development grants and available employment tax credits; and

15 WHEREAS, it is believed that a job training program offered by private companies
16 and faith-based organizations could provide valuable work force training and employer tax
17 incentives to facilitate greater economic investment into the area.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby creates
19 the Transformation Village Task Force to study and make recommendations with respect to
20 the feasibility of re-purposing and/or reopening the closed amusement park in New Orleans
21 and the development of employment opportunities for Louisiana citizens.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
23 following members:

24 (1) The chair of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Affairs, who shall
25 serve as the cochair of the task force.

26 (2) The chair of the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Affairs, who shall
27 serve as the cochair of the task force.

28 (3) Four members appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans.

29 (4) The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or his designee.

30 (5) The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, or his

1 designee.

2 (6) The secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or his designee.

3 (7) The member of the Senate representing Senate District 1.

4 (8) The member of the Senate representing Senate District 3.

5 (9) The member of the House of Representatives representing House District 99.

6 (10) The member of the House of Representatives representing House District 100.

7 (11) The member of the House of Representatives representing House District 103.

8 (12) The member of the city council of the city of New Orleans representing Council
9 District E.

10 (13) One member appointed by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

11 (14) One member appointed by Greater New Orleans, Inc.

12 (15) Two members appointed by the governor.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
14 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be
15 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
17 constitute a quorum of the task force and any official action by the task force shall require
18 the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as necessary and shall
20 report its findings to the legislature, with any recommendations for legislation, not later than
21 March 1, 2014.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of the Senate Committee on Labor and
23 Industrial Affairs shall assist the task force as is necessary.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 governor, the mayor of the city of New Orleans, the executive director of the Louisiana
26 Workforce Commission, the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and
27 Tourism, the secretary of the Department of Economic Development, the council member
28 of the city council of the city of New Orleans representing council district E, and the New
29 Orleans Chamber of Commerce, Greater New Orleans, Inc.

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