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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

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HIGHWAYS: Studies the feasibility of the West Bank Connector

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to begin a study of
3 the feasibility and assess the advisability of the construction of the West Bank
4 Connector to provide a solution to traffic problems and economic development
5 shortfalls along the West Bank of the Mississippi River.

6 WHEREAS, improvements to LA 1 and LA 3127 have been on the drawing board
7 for years but have lacked a major push that has propelled the projects to advance; and

8 WHEREAS, the flooding of I-10 and Airline Highway on the east side of the
9 Mississippi River during Hurricane Isaac demonstrated there is a need for an alternate
10 western route, and the West Bank Connector provides a key evacuation route in Southeast
11 Louisiana; and

12 WHEREAS, the addition of a bridge over the Mississippi River in Iberville Parish
13 not only opens up industrial development and facilitates the movement of industrial workers,
14 but also opens up key areas of South Baton Rouge, Ascension Parish, and Iberville Parish;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, increased accessibility will provide significant traffic relief for those
17 residents commuting to the West Bank for work or traveling towards Lafayette and will help
18 relieve traffic traveling through LSU on Nicholson Drive to cross the New I-10 Bridge; and

19 WHEREAS, the West Bank Connector provides a compelling alternative to long-
20 term attempts to develop a bypass around Baton Rouge.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development, in consultation with
3 local governing authorities, to begin a study of the feasibility and development of the West
4 Bank Connector.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
6 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests DOTD to begin a study of the feasibility of the construction of the West Bank Connector bridge in Iberville Parish.