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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BROADWATER, CARTER, DIXON, FOIL, GUILLORY, HARRISON, HOWARD, IVEY, LEGER, MILLER, PRICE, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, AND SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE