

1 WHEREAS, our postsecondary education institutions have industry partnerships that
2 should be leveraged to ensure that training opportunities are aligned with industry needs,
3 technical specifications, and emerging technologies.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 urge and request the Board of Regents to create the "Postsecondary Education Agriculture
6 Technology Study Commission" to be composed of fourteen members as follows:

7 (1) The president of the University of Louisiana System or his designee.

8 (2) The Louisiana State University vice president for Agriculture or his designee.

9 (3) The chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension
10 Center or his designee.

11 (4) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System or his
12 designee.

13 (5) The president of Nicholls State University or his designee.

14 (6) The chancellor of Fletcher Technical Community College or his designee.

15 (7) Four persons appointed by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, representing
16 the major agriculture commodity groups.

17 (8) The president of Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.

18 (9) Two persons appointed by the Deep Southern Equipment Dealers Association.

19 (10) The State Director of United States Department of Agriculture Rural
20 Development in Louisiana or his designee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall hold its organizational
22 meeting not later than August 15, 2019. The commission shall elect a chairman and other
23 officers as deemed necessary.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the study commission shall
25 serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses by the respective
26 appointing organization.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall study and make
28 recommendations regarding the needs and opportunities related to the creation of an
29 Agriculture Technology Training Program, including program budgetary needs, curricula,
30 implementation timeline, cross-system collaboration, and any other items the study

