

1 Development will have a significant impact upon the business and civic communities in the
2 greater New Orleans region.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 authorize and direct the creation of the Task Force on the Crescent City Connection.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force on the Crescent City Connection
6 is hereby created and shall be composed of nine persons who shall serve without
7 compensation from the task force. Each of the following organizations shall collaborate and
8 shall submit a list of two names each to the governor, from which the governor shall select
9 nine persons to serve as members of the task force:

10 (1) One member representing business interests from names submitted by the Algiers
11 Economic Development Foundation.

12 (2) One member representing business interests from names submitted by the Harvey
13 Canal Industrial Association and the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce.

14 (3) One member representing business interests from names submitted by the
15 Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry.

16 (4) One member representing civic interests from names submitted by the Westbank
17 Redevelopment Corporation, Inc., and the Algiers Neighborhood President's Council.

18 (5) One member representing civic interests from names submitted by the West
19 Jefferson Civic Association and The Terrytown Civic Association, Inc.

20 (6) One member representing maritime interests from names submitted by the Port
21 of New Orleans, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, the Jefferson Parish
22 Economic Development and Port District, and the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal
23 District.

24 (7) One member who is a professional engineer from names submitted by the
25 Regional Planning Commission.

26 (8) One member from names submitted by Friends of the Ferry of New Orleans.

27 (9) One member with experience in law enforcement from names submitted by the
28 New Orleans Police Department, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, the Gretna Police
29 Department, the Westwego Police Department, and the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office.

30 The lists of names shall be submitted to the governor no later than July 1, 2011. If a list is

1 not timely submitted, the governor shall make the selections at large. The governor shall
2 select the members no later than July 15, 2011. The term of the members shall commence
3 on August 1, 2011, and shall terminate on March 1, 2012.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial meeting of the task force shall be
5 convened no later than August 1, 2011, by the office of the governor at a time and place in
6 New Orleans, Louisiana, chosen by the office. At such initial meeting, the members of the
7 task force shall select from among its membership a chair. The Task Force on the Crescent
8 City Connection shall provide for the manner and frequency of meetings that will be
9 conducted and for all other ancillary administrative matters which must be determined in
10 order to function as a task force.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall have unrestricted access to
12 all records and information relevant to its mission and maintained by the Department of
13 Transportation and Development and the Crescent City Connection Division and that the
14 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or her designee shall fully
15 cooperate with and provide records and information to the task force.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall be authorized and directed to
17 study, evaluate, analyze, and review all aspects of the operation of the Crescent City
18 Connection Division, including but not limited to, financial studies, audits, reports, and
19 regional and national best practices regarding the following areas: 1) structure of
20 administration; 2) governance; 3) current and future maintenance of the bridge structure,
21 including all ramps and ancillary areas within its jurisdiction; 4) need for a well-trained
22 professional police force; 5) potential sources and uses of all revenues, including
23 consideration of bond capacity for predetermined infrastructure improvements; and, 6)
24 administration, maintenance, and costs to operate the ferry service system.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force on the Crescent City Connection
26 shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate
27 Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works no later than March 1, 2012,
28 and such task force shall officially terminate upon submission of the report.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
30 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development; the Algiers Economic

1 Development Foundation; the Harvey Canal Industrial Association; the Jefferson Chamber
2 of Commerce; the Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry; the Westbank
3 Redevelopment Corporation, Inc.; the Algiers Neighborhood President's Council; the West
4 Jefferson Civic Association; The Terrytown Civic Association, Inc.; the Port of New
5 Orleans; the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District; the Jefferson Parish Economic
6 Development and Port District; and the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District; the
7 Regional Planning Commission; Friends of the Ferry of New Orleans; the New Orleans
8 Police Department; the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office; the Gretna Police Department; the
9 Westwego Police Department; and the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office.

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Authorizes and directs creation of the Task Force on the Crescent City Connection comprising nine members; the governor selects members from names submitted by members of the "Regional Collaborative" and others to study, evaluate, analyze, and review the operation of the Crescent City Connection Division of the Department of Transportation and Development and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works by March 1, 2012.