

1 WHEREAS, ports are crucial nodes in global supply chains, and the port system in
2 Louisiana is the largest in the western hemisphere and one of the largest in the world and
3 should be utilized in a manner that will produce maximum economic advantage for the state
4 and its citizens.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 urge and request the Department of Economic Development to do the following:

7 (1) Develop and improve trade relations with Cuba to the extent the authority of the
8 department is not restricted by state or federal law.

9 (2) Conduct a study analyzing all current and future opportunities to establish
10 Louisiana as the predominant trade partner with Cuba in our region.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request
12 that the Department of Economic Development make a written report of the findings of the
13 study and submit the report to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate
14 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs no later than
15 February 1, 2017.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 secretary of the Department of Economic Development and the Executive Director of
18 International Commerce.

DIGEST

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