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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to develop, implement, and enforce policies and procedures that will enhance airport safety.

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics, United States airlines and foreign airlines serving the United States carried over eight hundred ninety-five million passengers in 2015; and

WHEREAS, airports contribute significantly to local, national, and global economies and provide jobs and fuel trade for economic development; and

WHEREAS, approximately forty percent of all tourists travel by air, forty-five million tons of freight are transported annually by air, and fourteen million jobs around the world are tied to air travel, which heavily contribute to economic advancement; and

WHEREAS, there are over nineteen thousand airports serving the United States with seven commercial service airports located in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, safety and security are of great concern and are key influencing factors when people select a mode of transportation and a travel destination; and

WHEREAS, on a daily basis, the lives of countless airline passengers are dependent upon the implementation of safety regulations adopted to protect the public interest both in the air and at the airport; and

WHEREAS, while significant measures have been taken to enhance airport and traveler safety and security professionals are focused on extensive security investments to protect airports and civilians from threats, considerable vulnerabilities still remain; and

WHEREAS, public areas of an airport, such as the baggage claim and ticket areas, remain vulnerable because the focus of security is primarily devoted to screening passengers to keep flights safe; and

WHEREAS, the perceived weaknesses of an airport can be transformed into potential strengths with appropriate security solutions; and

WHEREAS, as security systems become more reliable, competitively priced, and advanced, and there is better integration of products from various equipment manufacturers, security challenges can be overcome with effective solutions; and

WHEREAS, in addition to detection and monitoring of movement prior to accessing the terminal of airports, perimeter security could be used to control, manage, and verify a high volume of traffic at the initial point of contact at an airport.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to develop, implement, and enforce additional safeguards, policies, and procedures that will significantly enhance airport safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE