

1 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for governmental relations to connect Louisiana's
2 capitol with our Nation's capitol with direct commercial air service; and

3 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana will benefit both economically and culturally
4 from increased direct commercial air service at Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport; and

5 WHEREAS, over 13.4 million total passengers departed Louisiana's airports in 2016,
6 accounting for a two percent increase over 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, domestic and international visitors accounted for over \$16.8 billion in
8 spending in 2016, generating \$1.04 billion in state tax revenues as a result of the travel and
9 tourism industries; and

10 WHEREAS, direct commercial air service from Baton Rouge to Washington D.C.
11 would promote economic development in the greater Baton Rouge region.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 support the continued expansion of the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport and its
14 commercial air services; and does hereby support direct, non-stop commercial air service
15 from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Washington D.C.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
17 to the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport director Ralph Hennessy.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport to support direct commercial air service from Baton Rouge, La., to Washington D.C.