

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 204

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

TAX/CORP FRANCHISE: Urges and requests that the legislature establish the Louisiana Auto Manufacturing Fund

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development study and take
3 action on establishing the Louisiana Auto Manufacturing Fund to support the
4 development and production of automobiles.

5 WHEREAS, the funds invested in automobile manufacturers are designed to generate
6 high returns and long term investments; and

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana has many advantages to make it a competitive location for
8 automobile manufacturing, including workforce growth, low utility rates, and business
9 climates; and

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Auto Manufacturing Fund would make Louisiana a
11 preeminent leader in the automobile manufacturing space by providing direct financial
12 assistance by setting aside large sums of money for future highly competitive projects; and

13 WHEREAS, to keep talent in Louisiana it is imperative that Louisiana fund technical
14 community colleges that have automotive programs to provide high-level skill sets for the
15 automobile industry workforce; and

16 WHEREAS, fifty million dollars was supplied to six states with significant
17 automotive workforces to help small and medium sized suppliers adapt; and

18 WHEREAS, a Louisiana Automobile Manufacturing Fund would attract more
19 reputable automakers and automobile part distributions sites to Louisiana; and

20 WHEREAS, the General Motors plant in Arlington, Texas is the company's only
21 remaining United States plant building full-sized SUV's; and

1 WHEREAS, the Shreveport Assembly and Stamping Plant was a General Motors
2 vehicle factory; and

3 WHEREAS, the 3,100,000 square foot factory opened in 1981 and produced over 4.8
4 million vehicles; and

5 WHEREAS, at its peak, it provided over four thousand jobs with an annual payroll
6 of \$160 million dollars, and \$4.5 million in annual tax revenue; and

7 WHEREAS, over \$1.5 billion was invested into the Shreveport facility, which
8 expanded in 2002 resulting in a new stamping facility; and

9 WHEREAS, the plant closed in August 2012 due to a systemwide production
10 shortage; and

11 WHEREAS, redeveloping and positioning the property for future investments is
12 essential for growth; and

13 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Auto Manufacturing Fund would positively benefit the
14 economy and citizens.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and
17 Development to study and to take measures to create the Louisiana Auto Manufacturing
18 Fund to maximize investment opportunities.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
20 Development shall submit a report summarizing its findings, on the benefits of creating the
21 Louisiana Automobile Manufacturing Fund to support the development and production of
22 automobiles, to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works by
23 August 1, 2026.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
25 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study and take action on establishing the Louisiana Auto Manufacturing Fund to support the development and production of automobiles. Requires the DOTD to submit a report summarizing its findings to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works by Aug. 1, 2026.