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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81 (Substitute for House Concurrent Resolution No. 71 by Representative Crews)

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AIRCRAFT/AVIATION: Memorializes Congress to explore options for transitioning airport security responsibilities from the Transportation Security Administration to alternative models, such as delegating duties to trained airline personnel to enhance the freedom of travel experience for United States citizens

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to explore options for transitioning airport
3 security responsibilities from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to
4 alternative models, such as delegating duties to trained airline personnel in order to
5 enhance the freedom of travel and improve the air travel experience for citizens of
6 the United States.

7 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes that the freedom to travel securely and
8 efficiently is a fundamental right for citizens of the United States, essential to personal
9 liberty and economic opportunity; and

10 WHEREAS, the TSA was established to safeguard the nation's transportation
11 systems, with a primary focus on airport security, and is tasked with implementing safety
12 measures for air travel in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the TSA conducts security screenings for passengers at airports in the
14 United States to ensure safe travel, yet public perception of air travel has increasingly
15 deteriorated due to lengthy security processes, perceived inefficiencies, and passenger
16 discomfort; and

17 WHEREAS, Louisiana values the protection of passengers and seeks to explore ways
18 to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, and respect for personal freedoms in airport security
19 processes, thereby restoring confidence in the air travel experience; and

1 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the efficacy of current security
2 measures, including reports of challenges in detecting prohibited items and ensuring
3 consistent respect for passengers' rights and dignity; and

4 WHEREAS, 2015 internal TSA review indicated that undercover investigators were
5 able to pass mock prohibited items through security checkpoints in a significant percentage
6 of trials, raising questions about the effectiveness of existing protocols and their impact on
7 travelers' confidence; and

8 WHEREAS, isolated incidents involving TSA personnel have contributed to public
9 concerns about privacy and property, underscoring the need to investigate alternative
10 security models that prioritize both safety and the freedom of citizens of the United States
11 to travel without undue intrusion; and

12 WHEREAS, other nations, such as Israel, employ intelligence-driven and
13 behavior-based security approaches that may offer less invasive and potentially more
14 effective methods, thereby improving the travel experience while maintaining high safety
15 standards; and

16 WHEREAS, airline employees, with appropriate training, may be well-positioned
17 to conduct security screenings, leveraging their familiarity with airport operations to
18 streamline processes and enhance passenger navigation, thereby fostering a more positive
19 travel experience; and

20 WHEREAS, although the TSA was created to strengthen transportation security, air
21 travel continues to face challenges related to cost, efficiency, and passenger satisfaction,
22 contributing to a growing perception that air travel is burdensome rather than liberating; and

23 WHEREAS, many countries utilize state or locally-managed airport security systems,
24 which may provide valuable insights for improving airport security operations in the United
25 States and enhancing the freedom and enjoyment of travel; and

26 WHEREAS, with proper training, airline personnel could potentially perform
27 security functions currently handled by TSA agents, maintaining safety as a top priority
28 while improving efficiency and passenger interactions; and

29 WHEREAS, airport staff familiar with specific airport layouts and operations could
30 enhance the passenger experience by assisting with navigation and amenities while ensuring

1 effective and respectful security measures, thereby supporting the right to travel freely and
2 enjoyably.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 memorialize the United States Congress to explore options for transitioning airport security
5 responsibilities from the TSA to alternative models, such as delegating duties to trained
6 airline personnel in order to enhance the freedom of travel and improve the air travel
7 experience for citizens of the United States.

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

DIGEST

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Memorializes Congress to explore options for transferring airport security responsibilities from the Transportation Security Administration to alternative entities, including trained airline personnel, to promote travel freedom and enhance the air travel experience for citizens of the U.S.