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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 261

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study the feasibility of installing flashing warning signals at certain intersections along United States Highway 61 and Martin Luther King Drive in Reserve, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, United States Highway 61 and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive are vital corridors in Reserve, Louisiana that carry substantial volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, recent motor vehicle crashes along these routes have resulted in serious injuries and fatalities which highlight the significant traffic safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, reports from the Louisiana State Police document multiple severe crashes, including fatal multivehicle collisions occurring at these intersections in recent years; and

WHEREAS, traffic safety research and state initiatives demonstrate that flashing warning signals, such as flashing yellow left-turn arrows, effectively reduce accident rates by alerting drivers to potential hazards; and

WHEREAS, the DOTD continues to prioritize road safety through the modernization of traffic control devices statewide; and

WHEREAS, the DOTD has committed approximately eleven million dollars toward upgrading one thousand two hundred traffic signals statewide, including the installation of flashing warning signals proven to reduce traffic collisions; and

WHEREAS, flashing warning signals provide dynamic, high-visibility alerts to drivers, encouraging cautious driving behavior and reducing the likelihood of crashes at intersections known for hazardous traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of public safety that the DOTD conduct a feasibility study to determine the most effective locations and types of flashing warning signals to install at key intersections along United States Highway 61 and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Reserve, Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of installing flashing warning signals at certain intersections along United States Highway 61 and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Reserve, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development shall at a minimum include in its feasibility study the intersections of United States Highway 61 at West 10th Street, United States Highway 61 at West 2nd Street, and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive at East 13th Street in Reserve, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOTD shall submit a written report detailing its findings to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works by August 1, 2026.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES