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

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, airport staff familiar with specific airport layouts and operations could enhance the passenger experience by assisting with navigation and amenities while ensuring effective and respectful security measures, thereby supporting the right to travel freely and enjoyably.

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

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