

1 WHEREAS, a Louisiana Maneuvers museum should incorporate modern facilities,
2 including conference space, to host educational programs, veteran reunions, historical
3 conferences, and community events; and

4 WHEREAS, affiliation with the National WWII Museum in New Orleans would
5 enhance credibility, provide access to national resources, artifacts, and expertise, and elevate
6 the proposed museum to a nationally recognized institution.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 direct the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to conduct a comprehensive study,
9 in consultation with the board of directors of the Louisiana State Museum and the National
10 WWII Museum, on the feasibility of establishing a museum and trail dedicated to the
11 Louisiana Maneuvers.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include, but not be limited to, the
13 following:

14 (1) Identification and evaluation of potential locations for the museum and trail, with
15 consideration given to sites in central Louisiana near historical maneuver areas, such as
16 Leesville, Alexandria, or Fort Polk, assessing factors including accessibility, land
17 availability, proximity to existing historical sites, and potential for economic impact.

18 (2) Estimation of costs associated with planning, construction, operation, and
19 maintenance of the museum, including initial capital expenditures, ongoing operational
20 budgets, and potential funding sources such as state appropriations, federal grants, private
21 donations, and partnerships.

22 (3) Recommendations for incorporating conference space within the museum design,
23 including specifications for multipurpose venues capable of hosting events, seminars, and
24 exhibitions, with estimates of associated costs and benefits.

25 (4) Analysis of requirements and processes for affiliating the proposed museum with
26 the National WWII Museum, including any necessary amendments to the charter of the
27 National WWII Museum to enable such affiliation, potential governance structures, shared
28 resources, and benefits to historical preservation and public education.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Culture, Recreation and
30 Tourism shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations, including any

1 proposed legislation, to the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs
2 and the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs no later than March 1, 2027.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 lieutenant governor, the chair of the board of directors of the Louisiana State Museum, and
5 the president and chief executive officer of the National WWII Museum.

DIGEST

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