

1 WHEREAS, a vital component to the success and recovery of both of these industries
2 is the availability of safe, secure, and reliable air transportation; and

3 WHEREAS, the recovery of the New Orleans economy is dependent on air service,
4 yet the increase in air travel options following Hurricane Katrina is dependent on a recovery
5 of the economy; and

6 WHEREAS, although airline travel at Armstrong International Airport is slowly
7 being brought back following the hurricanes, there exists uncertainty as to when the
8 established airlines will provide service equal to that experienced before the hurricanes; and

9 WHEREAS, the hub-and-spoke system allows an airline to use a central airport as
10 its "hub" with the ability to route numerous flights, or "spokes," through the hub in a more
11 efficient and economic manner; and

12 WHEREAS, as a hub, the State of Louisiana and Armstrong International Airport
13 would see a significant impact in both the increase in available air service, as well as the
14 increase in the number of passengers able to access Louisiana through safe, secure, and
15 reliable air transportation; and

16 WHEREAS, it is vital to the continued recovery, rebuilding, and revitalization of the
17 State of Louisiana, as well as continued economic growth, that the governor and the
18 secretary of the Department of Economic Development continue to study and make
19 recommendations relative to enhancing air service for the benefit of the state's citizens and
20 businesses.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 request the governor and the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to
23 continue to study and make recommendations relative to enhancing air service options to all
24 markets within the state, as well as exploring the feasibility and benefits of the state
25 providing financial assistance or incentives to an airline that chooses to locate its hub
26 operations at Armstrong International Airport.

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