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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study solutions to the buildup of sediment around Louisiana ports and to consult with the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study solutions
3 to the build-up of sediment around Louisiana ports and to consult with the
4 Department of Agriculture and Forestry relative to the issues farmers face to
5 transport agricultural crops to market.

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana has many ports along the Mississippi River; and

7 WHEREAS, as the Mississippi River flows through Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico,
8 it deposits sediment; and

9 WHEREAS, the deposit of sediment at entrances to Louisiana ports on the
10 Mississippi River hampers access to the ports and impacts farmers who use the ports to
11 transport agricultural crops to market; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry has information and
13 knowledge about the issues farmers face to transport agricultural crops to market; and

14 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry may provide information
15 that is beneficial to finding solutions to the build-up of sediment around Louisiana port
16 entrances.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study

1 solutions to the build-up of sediment around Louisiana ports and to consult with the
2 Department of Agriculture and Forestry relative to the issues farmers face to transport
3 agricultural crops to market and to provide a written report of solutions to the build-up of
4 sediment around Louisiana ports to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and
5 Public Works and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural
6 Development not later than April 1, 2015.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development and to the commissioner
9 of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

Thompson (SR 105)

Requests DOTD to study solutions to the build-up of sediment around Louisiana Mississippi River ports, to consult with the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and to provide a written report to the Senate Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development not later than April 1, 2015.