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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 192

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to begin a study of the feasibility and assess the advisability of the construction of an additional Mississippi River bridge to provide a solution to traffic problems and enhance development.

WHEREAS, the flooding of I-10 and Airline Highway on the east side of the Mississippi River during Hurricane Isaac demonstrated there is a need for an alternate river crossing; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a bridge over the Mississippi River in between the Horace Wilkinson Bridge and the Sunshine Bridge will open up key areas of South Baton Rouge, Ascension Parish, and Iberville Parish; and

WHEREAS, increased accessibility will provide significant traffic relief for those residents commuting to the west bank for work or traveling towards Lafayette and will help relieve traffic traveling through Louisiana State University on Nicholson Drive to cross the Horace Wilkinson Bridge and I-10 through Baton Rouge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development, in consultation with local governing authorities, to begin a study of the feasibility and to assess the advisability of constructing an additional Mississippi River bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development submit a preliminary report of the study to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works on or before January 1, 2015.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE