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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY SENATOR BROWN

ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Establishes and provides for the Task Force on a New Mississippi River Bridge to study the practicality, feasibility, and development of a new bridge crossing the Mississippi River located between West Baton Rouge and Ascension parishes.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To create and provide for the Task Force on a New Mississippi River Bridge to study the
3	practicality, feasibility, and development, as well as to evaluate, analyze, and review
4	all aspects of an additional bridge crossing the Mississippi River located between
5	West Baton Rouge and Ascension parishes.
6	WHEREAS, the development, improvement, expansion, and maintenance of a new
7	bridge crossing the Mississippi River could lead to growth and economic development in
8	Iberville and West Baton Rouge parishes, relieve traffic congestion, provide for the ability
9	of business and industry to compete cost effectively on a regional, national, and global scale,
10	provide a high quality of life for parish residents and the people of this state, and provide a
11	compelling alternative to long-term attempts to develop a bypass around Baton Rouge; and
12	WHEREAS, public revenue, including federal funds, has not kept pace with the
13	area's growing transportation system needs and alternative and innovative funding sources,
14	including but not limited to tolls or public-private partnerships to supplement public revenue
15	sources, must be considered to assist in financing a new bridge.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17	create the Task Force on a New Mississippi River Bridge to study the practicality, feasibility,
18	and development, as well as to evaluate, analyze, and review all aspects, of an additional

1	bridge crossing the Mississippi River located between West Baton Rouge and Ascension
2	parishes.
3	BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
4	following members:
5	(1) The parish president of Ascension Parish, or his designee.
6	(2) The parish president of Iberville Parish, or his designee.
7	(3) The parish president of West Baton Rouge Parish, or his designee.
8	(4) The mayor of the town of Addis, or his designee.
9	(5) The mayor of the town of Brusly, or his designee.
10	(6) The mayor of the city of Donaldsonville, or his designee.
11	(7) The mayor of the city of Plaquemine, or his designee.
12	(8) The mayor of the city of Saint Gabriel, or his designee.
13	(9) The mayor of the town of White Castle, or his designee.
14	(10) The state representative from House District No. 18, or his designee.
15	(11) The state representative from House District No. 29, or his designee.
16	(12) The state representative from House District No. 58, or his designee.
17	(13) The state representative from House District No. 60, or his designee.
18	(14) The state senator from Senate District No. 2, or his designee.
19	(15) The state senator from Senate District No. 17, or his designee.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of
21	Transportation and Development or her designee shall serve as an advisory member of the
22	task force.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial meeting of the task force shall be
24	convened no later than August 1, 2015, by the state senator from Senate District No. 2.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the initial meeting, the members of the task
26	force shall elect a chairman and vice chairman and provide for the manner and frequency of
27	meetings that will be conducted and for all other ancillary administrative matters which must
28	be determined in order to function as a task force.
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the members of the task force shall
30	constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business and all official actions of the

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authority shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present and voting
 at any meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works no later than March 1, 2015, and shall terminate upon submission of the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
president of Ascension Parish, the president of Iberville Parish, the president of West Baton
Rouge Parish, the mayor of the town of Addis, the mayor of the town of Brusly, the mayor
of the city of Donaldsonville, the mayor of the city of Plaquemine, the mayor of the city of
Saint Gabriel, the mayor of the town of White Castle, the secretary of the Department of
Transportation and Development, and the Capitol Region Planning Commission.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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