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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Creates the Louisiana Historical Archives Task Force.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for the Louisiana Historical Archives Task Force to study the conditions, issues, needs, and problems relative to the preservation of the state's 3 historical archives and records and to recommend any action or legislation the task 4 5 force deems necessary or appropriate. 6 WHEREAS, the history of Louisiana stretches back centuries and its cultural heritage 7 includes the original Native American inhabitants as well as the descendants of settlers from 8 almost every nationality on earth who have contributed to the unique food, music, and art 9 of the state; and 10 WHEREAS, emerging from this rich and varied history are treasures of print, visual, 11 audio, and digital records of the many faces, lives, and experiences of the people of the state; and 12 13 WHEREAS, it is vital that such records be preserved so that future generations may know, understand, and celebrate Louisiana's important place in world history; and 14 WHEREAS, experts on archiving of historical records should evaluate the efforts, 15 16 methods, and techniques that are currently being utilized and should evaluate the efforts that 17 other states, museums, and archives are undertaking to preserve treasured historical records

and should recommend an appropriate archiving system so they are readily accessible to the

1 public; and 2 WHEREAS, the task force should continue the work of the Louisiana Historical 3 Archives Task Force created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 117, which was terminated 4 on March 1, 2018. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 5 create the Louisiana Historical Archives Task Force to study the conditions, needs, issues, 6 7 and problems relative to the preservation of precious print, visual, audio, and digital 8 historical records and to recommend any action or legislation that the commission deems 9 necessary or appropriate. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force created herein shall consist of the 10 11 following sixteen members: 12 (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the president, one who shall be 13 designated by the president as the chairperson. 14 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker. (3) The lieutenant governor, or his designee. 15 16 (4) The secretary of state, or his designee. (5) The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, or his 17 designee. 18 19 (6) The executive director of Preserve Louisiana, or his designee. (7) The executive director of the Historic New Orleans Collection, or his designee. 20 (8) The secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, or his designee. 21 22 (9) The commissioner of higher education, or his designee. (10) The president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, or his designee. 23 24 (11) The commissioner of administration, or his designee. (12) The head of the Louisiana Research Collection at Tulane University. 25 (13) The president of the Southern University System, or his designee. 26 27 (14) A representative of the African American Heritage Museum. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting such study, the task force shall 28

study current technologies, methods, and policy in Louisiana and other states, and shall elicit

views from experts in the fields of preservation, archiving, collecting, and storing of

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of the constituent organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action taken by the task force shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may conduct such meetings at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, to the legislature no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force shall terminate on March 1, 2019.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

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Creates the Louisiana Historical Archives Task Force.

Provides for the task force membership and its powers and duties.