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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

FIRE PROTECT/FIRE MARSHAL: Requests Louisiana State University and the office of state fire marshal to work collaboratively to enhance firefighter training

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request Louisiana State University and the office of state fire marshal to work
3	together to enter into the necessary agreements to enhance the training of firefighters
4	to reduce the number of fatalities in the state of Louisiana, reduce the costs of fire
5	prevention and fire suppression, and reduce the costs associated with property
6	damage caused by fire or explosion.
7	WHEREAS, the hazards of fire explosion and panic arising from the threat of fire
8	and explosion will continue to impact the lives of Louisiana citizens, with seventy-seven
9	lives being lost in 2020 and property damage and fire suppression costs estimated to be in
10	the tens of millions; and
11	WHEREAS, it is imperative that the government agencies and associations, entrusted
12	with the protection of lives and property from fire and explosion or the threat thereof, and
13	the training of our career and volunteer emergency service personnel, related to fire
14	prevention, fire suppression, and arson and fire investigation, come together to develop
15	strategies for providing enhanced and advanced training and training programs; and
16	WHEREAS, R.S. 40:1541 officially designates Louisiana State University as the
17	official agency of the state to conduct training for municipal and industrial firefighters; and
18	WHEREAS, R.S. 40:1541 creates the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training
19	Commission, composed mainly of members of the fire service, to provide advice, guidance,
20	and recommendations to Louisiana State University related to matters, including but not

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1 limited to aspects of the conduct of fire and emergency training and training programs, 2 prioritization of training, personnel; and 3 WHEREAS, R.S. 40:1563 et seq. mandates the state fire marshal take all steps 4 necessary and proper to protect life and property from the hazards of fire and of panic which 5 may arise from fire, the threat of fire, or explosion to include fire prevention, arson and fire 6 investigation, and emergency response; and 7 WHEREAS, the office of state fire marshal conducts internal and external training 8 related to fire prevention, life safety inspection, and arson and fire investigation; and 9 WHEREAS, modern day business practices, as well as accountability, both with 10 funds and personnel, are paramount, and the collaborative sharing of resources bring about 11 improved public safety; and 12 WHEREAS, it is believed that both Louisiana State University and the office of state 13 fire marshal are both fully committed to creating and improving firefighter and emergency 14 training in the state of Louisiana; and 15 WHEREAS, it is believed that these collaborative efforts between Louisiana State 16 University and the office of state fire marshal should ultimately result in the statutory 17 obligation for firefighter and emergency training being transferred from Louisiana State 18 University to the office of state fire marshal. 19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 20 urge and request that Louisiana State University and the office of state fire marshal, working 21 together, enter into the necessary agreements to enhance the training of firefighters to reduce 22 the number of fatalities in the state of Louisiana, reduce the costs of fire prevention and fire 23 suppression, and reduce the costs associated with property damage caused by fire or 24 explosion. 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 26 chairman of the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission and the state fire 27 marshal.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests Louisiana State University and the office of state fire marshal to work together to agree upon firefighter training enhancements to reduce fatalities and costs.