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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

BY REPRESENTATIVE GOUDEAU

TRANSPORTATION: Creates the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge Task Force

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To create the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge Task Force to study and make recommendations
3	regarding safety on the Interstate Highway 10 bridge over the Atchafalaya Basin and
4	the implementation of a law enforcement police force on the Interstate Highway 10
5	bridge over the Atchafalaya Basin in St. Martin and Iberville Parish.
6	WHEREAS, particular areas of the Interstate Highway 10 bridge over the
7	Atchafalaya Basin have extremely narrow lanes and there are frequent lane closures for
8	emergency responders to reach drivers on the bridge involved in crashes or requiring
9	medical attention, in addition to frequent lane closures for required repair work; and
10	WHEREAS, impaired, aggressive, and distracted driving, in addition to excessive
11	speeding, creates an additional dangerous environment on the Interstate Highway 10 bridge
12	over the Atchafalaya Basin; and
13	WHEREAS, 18-wheelers also utilize these narrow lanes on the Interstate Highway
14	10 bridge over the Atchafalaya Basin, heightening the likelihood of deadly situations
15	involving impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers on the bridge.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge Task Force,
18	referred to in this Resolution as the "task force", to study and make recommendations
19	regarding safety on the Interstate Highway 10 bridge over the Atchafalaya Basin and the
20	implementation of a law enforcement police force on the Interstate Highway 10 bridge over
21	the Atchafalaya Basin in St. Martin and Iberville Parish.

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1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the
2	following members:
3	(1) The sheriff for St. Martin parish.
4	(2) The sheriff for Iberville parish.
5	(3) The District Attorney for St. Martin parish.
6	(4) The District Attorney for Iberville parish.
7	(5) One member appointed by a member of the House of Representatives whose
8	district is in St. Martin parish.
9	(6) One member appointed by a member of the House of Representatives whose
10	district is in Iberville parish.
11	(7) One member appointed by the member of the House of Representatives who
12	serves as the state representative for House District 31 representing Lafayette and Vermilion
13	parish.
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall elect a chairman from its
15	membership and the members shall serve without compensation; however, the task force
16	may receive the same reimbursement of travel expenses for attending the meetings as is
17	allowed for other state employees.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consider and make
19	recommendations on the following responsibilities:
20	(1) The public safety of motorists and law enforcement on Interstate Highway 10
21	bridge over the Atchafalaya Basin to the Department of Transportation and Development.
22	(2) The St. Martin and Iberville parish sheriffs' departments patrolling the Interstate
23	Highway 10 bridge over the Atchafalaya Basin.
24	(3) The patrol shift of the St. Martin and Iberville parish sheriffs' departments.
25	(4) The feasibility of the St. Martin and Iberville parish sheriffs' departments
26	utilizing their own motorist assistance instead of solely relying on the Department of
27	Transportation and Development to provide assistance and offer assistance from a public
28	safety standpoint.
29	(5) The feasibility of the St. Martin and Iberville parish sheriffs' departments to offer
30	assistance from a public safety standpoint if debris is in the travel lane and causes a hazard

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on Interstate Highway 10 bridge over the Atchafalaya Basin by removing the debris
 themselves with private tow truck companies on a rotational list or contacting the
 Department of Transportation and Development.

4 (6) The development and support of policies and procedures to establish and
5 maintain communication between the St. Martin and Iberville parish sheriffs' departments
6 and the Department of Transportation and Development.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene its first meeting

8 prior to September 15, 2022, and shall meet, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of

10 its findings and make recommendations to the House Committee on Transportation,

11 Highways and Public Works, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the

12 Department of Transportation and Development no later than February 1, 2023.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

14 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the Louisiana Sheriffs'

15 Association, the sheriffs' office for St. Martin parish, the sheriffs' office for Iberville parish,

- 16 the district attorney's office for St. Martin parish, and the district attorney's office for
- 17 Iberville parish.

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Specifies the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge Task Force be comprised of the following members:

- (1) The sheriff for St. Martin parish.
- (2) The sheriff for Iberville parish.
- (3) The District Attorney for St. Martin parish.
- (4) The District Attorney for Iberville parish.
- (5) One member appointed by the member of the House of Representatives whose district is in St. Martin parish.

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