

1 veterans, promote tourism, and stimulate economic development in Louisiana; and

2 WHEREAS, a Louisiana Maneuvers museum should incorporate modern facilities,
3 including conference space, to host educational programs, veteran reunions, historical
4 conferences, and community events; and

5 WHEREAS, affiliation with the National WWII Museum in New Orleans would
6 enhance credibility, provide access to national resources, artifacts, and expertise, and elevate
7 the proposed museum to a nationally recognized institution.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 direct the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to conduct a comprehensive study,
10 in consultation with the board of directors of the Louisiana State Museum and the National
11 WWII Museum, on the feasibility of establishing a museum and trail dedicated to the
12 Louisiana Maneuvers.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include but not be limited to the
14 following:

15 (1) Identification and evaluation of potential locations for the museum and trail, with
16 consideration given to sites in central Louisiana near historical maneuver areas, such as
17 Leesville, Alexandria, or Fort Polk, assessing factors including accessibility, land
18 availability, proximity to existing historical sites, and potential for economic impact.

19 (2) Estimation of costs associated with planning, construction, operation, and
20 maintenance of the museum, including initial capital expenditures, ongoing operational
21 budgets, and potential funding sources such as state appropriations, federal grants, private
22 donations, and partnerships.

23 (3) Recommendations for incorporating conference space within the museum design,
24 including specifications for multipurpose venues capable of hosting events, seminars, and
25 exhibitions, with estimates of associated costs and benefits.

26 (4) Analysis of requirements and processes for affiliating the proposed museum with
27 the National WWII Museum, including any necessary amendments to the charter of the
28 National WWII Museum to enable such affiliation, potential governance structures, shared
29 resources, and benefits to historical preservation and public education.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Culture, Recreation and

