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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to revert lane

3 adjustments that were implemented as part of the ongoing I-10 Mississippi River

4 Bridge, otherwise known as the Horace A. Wilkinson Bridge, signing and striping

5 project.

6 WHEREAS, as of Sunday, August 2, 2010, at 8:00 a.m., all westbound traffic  
7 crossing the Mississippi River Bridge, otherwise known as the Horace A. Wilkinson Bridge,  
8 in Baton Rouge exiting to Port Allen and Plaquemine is required to use the outer lane prior  
9 to exiting and traffic in the westbound center lane is no longer able to exit as that lane serves  
10 only westbound through traffic; and

11 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development stated that these  
12 changes would leave the center and far-left lane free for the sixty-three percent of through  
13 traffic traveling west in all three lanes to maintain optimum traveling speed; and

14 WHEREAS, the department announced that the far-right outer lane would serve the  
15 remaining twenty-five percent exiting for Plaquemine and twelve percent existing for Port  
16 Allen, and allow this traffic to slow for their appropriate exits without impeding the overall  
17 traffic flow; and

18 WHEREAS, the department stated that the imbalance caused significant congestion  
19 and delays on the bridge which caused frequent logjams at the I-10 and I-110 interchange;  
20 and

1 WHEREAS, before these changes, the westbound traffic on the three-lane stretch of  
2 the bridge could exit from the middle or right lanes; and

3 WHEREAS, since the change, traffic exiting the bridge for Plaquemine and Port  
4 Allen are forced to make sudden lane changes causing confusion and danger to motorists on  
5 the bridge; and

6 WHEREAS, it appears that more accidents have occurred on the bridge than in the  
7 past; and

8 WHEREAS, it is public opinion that the overall traffic flow on the bridge and the  
9 I-10 and I-110 interchange has not improved in such a way to justify the changes made; and

10 WHEREAS, the department is conducting further studies which have thus far shown  
11 that previous striping directing traffic flow may be warranted.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
13 urge and request that the Department of Transportation and Development allow all  
14 westbound traffic crossing the Mississippi River Bridge, otherwise known as the Horace A.  
15 Wilkinson Bridge, in Baton Rouge exiting to Port Allen and Plaquemine to exit the bridge  
16 from the middle or right lane as was done since the original construction of the bridge.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
18 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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#### DIGEST

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