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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 129

BY REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL JACKSON

HIGHER ED/BD REGENTS: Requests that Board of Regents develop a permanent funding formula for LOUIS and support LOUIS as a critical component of the success of public postsecondary education institutions

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Board of Regents to develop a permanent funding formula for
3	LOUIS, the Louisiana Library Network, and to express support for LOUIS as a
4	critical component of the success of the state's public postsecondary education
5	institutions.
6	WHEREAS, LOUIS, the Louisiana Library Network, provides essential information,
7	resources, and services to the public postsecondary education institutions of the state; and
8	WHEREAS, in 1992, LOUIS was formed in response to shrinking library funding
9	in the effort to equalize technology and resources in academic libraries across the state, and
10	since then, LOUIS has contributed significantly to the success of the state's public
11	postsecondary education institutions as well as museums and archives; and
12	WHEREAS, LOUIS provides around-the-clock technology and enterprise solutions
13	to students, faculty, and staff so that scholarly materials can be purchased, identified,
14	searched, and shared; and
15	WHEREAS, the essential resources and services that LOUIS offers include the
16	library automation system and catalogs of library collections, electronic research databases
17	and full-text journals, remote access to library resources twenty-four hours a day,
18	interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing among all member libraries, and the Louisiana
19	Digital Library, as well as centralized servers and an expert support staff; and

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2	duplication and saves the state millions of dollars annually; and
3	WHEREAS, LOUIS purchased more than nineteen million dollars worth of resources
4	for member libraries in 2010 for only three million one hundred thousand dollars,
5	representing a huge savings to each campus and to the state; and
6	WHEREAS, without LOUIS, Louisiana's public postsecondary education institutions
7	would have trouble meeting certain Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
8	core requirements and comprehensive standards, and the loss of SACS accreditation would
9	negatively affect an institution's ability to award degrees and students' ability to receive
10	financial aid and could also have a detrimental impact on its National Collegiate Athletic
11	Association accreditation; and
12	WHEREAS, the importance of LOUIS to Louisiana's public postsecondary education
13	institutions cannot be overstated, and it is critical that it remain an available resource for the
14	state's higher education community; and
15	WHEREAS, Higher Education funding has been severely reduced during the past
16	three years impacting all institutions, boards, and systems; and
17	WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has fought to maintain funding for LOUIS, and
18	has determined that it is in the state's best interest to formalize a funding mechanism to
19	ensure the future of this critical resource for the state's higher education community.
20	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21	urge and request the Board of Regents to develop a permanent funding formula for LOUIS,
22	the Louisiana Library Network, which shall include a centralized funding base from the
23	Board of Regents, assessments to the management boards, and individual user fees.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents shall continue to support
25	and promote LOUIS as a critical component of the success of the state's public
26	postsecondary education institutions.
27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
28	to the chairman of the Board of Regents and to the commissioner of higher education.

WHEREAS, LOUIS, a proven model of how to collaborate and consolidate, reduces

DIGEST

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Requests that the Board of Regents develop a permanent funding formula for LOUIS, the La. Library Network, which shall include a centralized funding base from the board, assessments to the management boards, and individual user fees, and that the Board of Regents continue to support and promote LOUIS as a critical component of the success of the state's public postsecondary education institutions.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed resolution.

1. Requests that the Board of Regents develop a permanent funding formula for LOUIS, the La. Library Network, instead of directing the board to restore its funding of LOUIS to at least the percentage provided for in FY 2009-2010.