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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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.