

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY SENATOR ADLEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of authorizing the collection of tolls to complete I-49 South.

WHEREAS, completion of I-49 South through Lafayette and between Lafayette and New Orleans is vital to Louisiana and its citizens in order to provide needed transportation infrastructure for hurricane evacuation and economic development and to mitigate traffic congestion, particularly in Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, since 2008 the Jindal administration has invested more than one hundred twenty-million dollars toward completion of the I-49 South corridor; and

WHEREAS, more than one hundred miles of the total one hundred fifty-six mile corridor of I-49 South are complete or currently under construction; and

WHEREAS, the department is pursuing additional sources of funding to complete the remaining phases of I-49 South, including application for funds available under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to Louisiana that the department pursue all means of finance, including tolls, to accelerate completion of the I-49 corridor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of authorizing the collection of tolls to complete I-49 South, and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works not later than December 13, 2012.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES