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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 132

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AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Requests DOTD to study and make recommendations on enhancing air service and the feasibility of offering incentives to the air service industry

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study and make
3	recommendations relative to enhancing air service options to all markets within the
4	state, as well as exploring the feasibility and benefits of the state providing financial
5	assistance or incentives to the air service industry and to report the findings of the
6	study to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the
7	Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and to the air
8	carrier and general aviation airports within the state of Louisiana, no later than
9	February 1, 2012.
10	WHEREAS, Louisiana has air service access with six regional airports in addition
11	to the New Orleans Louis Armstrong International Airport; and
12	WHEREAS, a vital component to the success of tourism and economic development
13	is the availability of safe, secure, and reliable air transportation as recognized in Louisiana's
14	economic development blueprint, Louisiana: Vision 2020; and
15	WHEREAS, air transportation connectivity to and from the rest of the nation is
16	critical to the economic positioning of Louisiana communities within the national and global
17	communities; and
18	WHEREAS, increasing fuel costs and shrinking fleets have raised revenue levels that
19	a given market must produce; and

1 WHEREAS, it is critical to the economic development of Louisiana that an air 2 service incentive program be offered by Louisiana to recruit competitive air services and 3 other air carrier airports to the state; and 4 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and the Louis Armstrong International Airport would see a significant impact in both the increase in available air service, as well as the 5 6 increase in the number of passengers able to access Louisiana through safe, secure, and 7 reliable air transportation; and 8 WHEREAS, it is vital to the continued revitalization of the state of Louisiana, as well 9 as continued economic growth, that the Department of Transportation and Development, 10 study air service in the state of Louisiana and make recommendations to enhance air service 11 for the benefit of the state's citizens and businesses. 12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 13 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study and make 14 recommendations relative to enhancing air service options to all markets within the state, as 15 well as exploring the feasibility and benefits of the state providing financial assistance or 16 incentives to the air service industry and to report the findings of the study to the House 17 Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the Senate Committee on 18 Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and to the air carrier and general aviation 19 airports within the state of Louisiana, no later than February 1, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development and to the director of aviation for each general aviation airport within the state of Louisiana.

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Michael Jackson HCR No. 132

Urges and requests DOTD to study and make recommendations relative to enhancing air service options to all markets within the state, as well as exploring the feasibility and benefits of the state providing financial assistance or incentives to the air service industry and to report the findings of the study no later than Feb. 1, 2012.