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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVES ORTEGO AND PIERRE AND SENATOR GUILLORY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a study and make recommendations relative to traffic management methods along Interstate 49 where it intersects with Interstate 10 up to Exit 7.

WHEREAS, development along Interstate 49 where it intersects with Interstate 10 up to Exit 7 has brought increased traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, innovative traffic management methods, including but not limited to "Texas turnarounds" at cross roads, roundabouts at crossroads, exits onto one way frontage roads, "easy on, easy off" exits, and a multitude of other methods have been used in a number of other states to effectively manage traffic exiting and entering interstate highway.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a study relative to implementing innovative traffic management methods, including but not limited to those referenced in this resolution, along Interstate 49 where it intersects with Interstate 10 up to Exit 7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study should include an examination of how implementing these traffic management methods would impact traffic operations and the level of traffic congestion or congestion relief for each of the alternates considered.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study should include specific recommendations on traffic management methods that would be feasible to utilize to decrease traffic congestion along Interstate 49 where it intersects with Interstate 10 up to Exit 7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study should include information relative to the feasibility of placing an on ramp at the intersection of Interstate 49 and Louisiana Highway 1252.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall make recommendations to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways, and public works by September 1, 2013, on the following:

(1) The feasibility of specific traffic management methods along Interstate 49 where it intersects with Interstate 10 up to Exit 7.

(2) The feasibility of an on ramp at the intersection of Interstate 49 and Louisiana Highway 1252.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall report all other findings to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways, and public works by January 1, 2014.

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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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE