

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE GISCLAIR

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the possibility of installing highway shoulders along that portion of Louisiana Highway 308 which runs south of Louisiana Highway 90 in Lafourche Parish and through Ascension Parish to Louisiana Highway 1.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 308 was closed several hours in the past due to numerous vehicular accidents that caused wrecked motor vehicles to be pulled off of the roadway because of the lack of highway shoulders; and

WHEREAS, vehicle breakdowns on a highway lacking a highway shoulder would create a strong possibility of accidents; and

WHEREAS, currently there is a new bridge being constructed over Bayou Lafourche in LaRose, Louisiana, as part of the federal stimulus package; and

WHEREAS, this new bridge currently being constructed will serve as a direct link connecting Louisiana Highway 308 to Louisiana Highway 3235, a four-lane highway used mostly by commercial motor vehicles traveling to and from Port Fourchon; and

WHEREAS, other vehicles, including offshore service vehicles, will be traveling on Louisiana Highway 308 more frequently when the new bridge is open to traveling motorists and these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, this portion of Louisiana Highway 308 and the new bridge currently being constructed will serve as both a critical link and an evacuation route between the Gulf of Mexico and Louisiana Highway 90; and

WHEREAS, with the installation of highway shoulders, it would diminish the current public safety hazard and would diminish the waiting times of necessity of clearing accidents along this stretch of Louisiana Highway 308.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the possibility of installing highway shoulders along that portion of Louisiana Highway 308 which runs south of Louisiana Highway 90 in Lafourche Parish and through Ascension Parish to Louisiana Highway 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development is further requested to study the installation of highway shoulders, specifically along the lengthy stretches of farmland and where there are no residences or businesses adjacent to the highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development also shall consider for the driving public to install highway shoulders through Ascension Parish to Louisiana Highway 1.

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