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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY REPRESENTATIVES TRAVIS JOHNSON AND THOMPSON

HIGHWAYS: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of converting US Hwy 65 to a four-lane highway

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the
3	feasibility of converting United States Highway 65 into a four-lane highway and
4	make recommendations in regards to the conversion.
5	WHEREAS, the United States is one of the world's leading exporters for numerous
6	agriculture products and Louisiana ports are major points of departure for agriculture in the
7	United States; and
8	WHEREAS, United States Highway 65 begins in Clayton, Louisiana, crosses
9	Arkansas, Missouri, and Iowa, and ends in Albert Lea, Minnesota, which spans nine-
10	hundred-sixty-six miles and serves as a primary route that passes throughout the country on
11	the national highway; and
12	WHEREAS, United States Highway 65 enters Arkansas as a two-lane highway near
13	the Mississippi river and widens into four lanes where it parallels a set of railroad tracks near
14	Chicot County; and
15	WHEREAS, the two-lane United States Highway 65 parallels the west bank of the
16	Mississippi river through the northeastern portion of Louisiana, making United States
17	Highway 65 a major thoroughfare for agriculture near the Mississippi river; and
18	WHEREAS, United States Highway 65 and United States Highway 84 are a
19	Louisiana shelter point for emergency hurricane evacuations; and

1	WHEREAS, converting United States Highway 65 to a four-lane highway would
2	increase the safety measures for vehicles in emergency stops that necessitate stopping on the
3	shoulder of the current two-lane highway; and
4	WHEREAS, converting United States Highway 65 into a four-lane highway would
5	increase the import and export of agriculture in Louisiana, create a safer route for emergency
6	evacuations, and enhance the safety of motorists who have to make emergency stops on the
7	shoulder of the highway.
8	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9	urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to study the
10	feasibility of converting United States Highway 65 to a four-lane highway.
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and
12	Development shall submit a report detailing the results of its study to the Legislature of
13	Louisiana no later than February 1, 2021.
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
15	to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study the feasibility of converting U.S. Hwy 65 from a two-lane highway to a four-lane highway. Requires DOTD submit a report detailing the results of the study to the Legislature by Feb. 1, 2021.