

1 WHEREAS, throughout its history the Pentagon Barracks has played host to many
2 American historical figures including several U.S. presidents and prominent military figures,
3 and in 1976, the buildings were placed on the National Historic Register; and

4 WHEREAS, the Pentagon Barracks is still used as apartments for state officials and
5 the Pentagon Barracks Museum contains many displays relating to the history of the facility;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Pentagon Barracks has reached a state of disrepair and is in need of
8 refurbishment and preservation; and

9 WHEREAS, in consideration of its significant history, it is appropriate to take efforts
10 to maintain the structural and historical integrity of the Pentagon Barracks within the State
11 Capitol Historic District in accordance with the public policy of the state, as declared in R.S.
12 25:781, to provide for the historic preservation of the buildings and grounds so that they may
13 be preserved for the education, inspiration, pleasure, and enrichment of the citizens of this
14 state; and

15 WHEREAS, the division of historic preservation, office of cultural development,
16 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is charged with regulating the historic
17 character of the buildings of the historic district.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Culture, Recreation
20 and Tourism to study and make recommendations relative to historic repairs needed at the
21 Pentagon Barracks in keeping with the historic character of the buildings and to produce a
22 report of previous repairs and future actions needed to preserve the integrity of the structure
23 of the Pentagon Barracks.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting its study, the department is urged
25 to utilize all available resources including experts from the division of historic preservation,
26 the division of archeology, and any other divisions to produce recommendations consistent
27 with United States Department of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic
28 Properties.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department shall report its findings to the
30 House of Representatives and the division of administration prior to March 1, 2024.

DIGEST

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