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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208** 

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

## A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to make funds available to entities to offer additional and further reduced costs flights to military personnel and their family members as well as to offer these flights to civilian emergency personnel fighting the Deepwater Horizon disaster that has devastated our coast.

WHEREAS, air travel is the faster and preferred method of many who travel long distances; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to seventy-two airports or airfields; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is the site of a number of military installations including Jackson Barracks National Guard Headquarters and Belle Chase Naval Air Station at Fort Polk, Camp Beauregard and Barksdale Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has a military population nearing fifty-thousand servicemen and women; and

WHEREAS, family members of military personnel are spread far and wide throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that our airports be able to connect our fine military personnel with their loved ones with ease and relatively little expense; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that the military presence will grow as we continue to fight the Deepwater Horizon disaster and its impact on our coast, fishing community and oil businesses; and

WHEREAS, additionally, countless civilian emergency personnel have poured into Louisiana to fight the Deepwater Horizon disaster and will likely continue to do so for years to come.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to make funds available to entities to offer additional and further reduced cost flights to military personnel and their family members as well as to offer these flights to civilian emergency personnel fighting the Deepwater Horizon disaster that has devastated our coast.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES