

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY SENATORS KOSTELKA, GALLOT, LONG AND WALSWORTH AND
REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON, JAY MORRIS AND SHADOIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Fire Marshal to provide education and code enforcement at fraternity and sorority houses associated with colleges and universities located in the state.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has a duty to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of our state, and must take all reasonable and necessary steps to preserve the lives and property of those people; and

WHEREAS, the state has vested in the office of the state fire marshal, within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the duty to perform the functions of the state relating to the protection of life and property from the hazards of fire and of panic which may arise from fire or from the threat of fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, performance of this duty includes supervision and enforcement of safety standards and inspection; and

WHEREAS, a recent tragedy has brought to the attention of the Louisiana Legislature the need for education on fire prevention and safety and code enforcement at the fraternity and sorority houses associated with colleges and universities in this state; and

WHEREAS, although no lives were lost, significant property damage was caused to and injuries were sustained by private citizens and first responders in the May 19, 2012, fire at the Pi Kappa Alpha house at Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, all members of the higher education community and the citizens of the cities in which Louisiana colleges and universities are located can benefit from building partnerships with the Louisiana fire marshal's office for the purpose of enhancing campus fire safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana state fire marshal to provide, consistent with his duties, education on fire prevention and safety and code enforcement at fraternity and sorority houses associated with Louisiana colleges and universities.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana fire marshal.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES