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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR CROWE

CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to implement the "NexGen" air transportation system.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to encourage postsecondary education in the areas of mathematics, science, technology and engineering in order to address the critical shortage of the nation's technology-knowledgeable workforce in order to implement the "NextGen" air transportation system.

WHEREAS, air travel is vital to America's mobility, national security, and economic well being; and

WHEREAS, the state is committed to educating young Americans to lead the world in science, technology, mathematics, and engineering; and

WHEREAS, the state is committed to encouraging federal and state-based initiatives to strengthen our nation's leadership in aviation; and

WHEREAS, a safe, secure and efficient air transportation system is essential to the health and welfare, prosperity and competitiveness of the United States of America in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the state is an advocate for research and development funding, workforce training, economic development in aviation and space, excellence in mathematics and science education and keeping the state competitive in a global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, an air traffic system is needed to transform air travel to reduce gridlock

1 and improve safety, both in the sky and at the airport; and

2 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration is scheduled to implement the Next  
3 Generation Air Transport System, known as "NextGen," in stages between 2012 and 2025;  
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5 WHEREAS, the technology to complete and operate the "NextGen system" will  
6 require highly trained and educated individuals.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes  
8 the Congress of the United States to encourage education in science, technology, engineering  
9 and mathematics, to address the critical shortage of the nation's technology-knowledgeable  
10 workforce by creating incentives to encourage more college graduates to enter the technical  
11 field and to implement the "NextGen" air transportation system as soon as possible by  
12 inviting industry to compete for a comprehensive integrated solution that will achieve the  
13 objectives in the "NextGen" plan.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted  
15 to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of  
16 Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States  
17 Congress.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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Memorializes Congress to encourage education in certain subjects to address the critical shortage of the nation's technology-knowledgeable workforce and to implement the "NextGen" air transportation system.