

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana State University at Shreveport, as the area's urban university,
2 is best positioned to serve regional needs through an expansion of current course offerings
3 in targeted program areas; and

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana State University at Shreveport, in collaboration with
5 colleagues at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport and
6 Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, has developed the
7 Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan for the continued growth of
8 Louisiana State University at Shreveport; and

9 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural
10 and Mechanical College on April 27, 2012, unanimously endorsed the Louisiana State
11 University Shreveport Commitment Plan and directed its implementation through close
12 collaboration with all institutions in the Louisiana State University System thereby
13 recognizing that all Louisiana State University entities have a stake in the successful
14 development of Louisiana State University at Shreveport; and

15 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan defines
16 both a series of short-term initiatives designed to provide immediate impact from new
17 program offerings combined with longer-term initiatives to grow selected graduate
18 programs; and

19 WHEREAS, as institutional, regional, and state funding resources permit,
20 investments should be made to further grow Louisiana State University at Shreveport into
21 a strong urban research university with a mix of baccalaureate, master's, professional, and
22 targeted doctoral programs, accompanied by strategic research endeavors that enhance
23 economic development in the metropolitan area; and

24 WHEREAS, during this period of budget austerity, the implementation of the
25 Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan presents a cost-effective,
26 expeditious, and efficient way to address regional postsecondary education needs.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby find that the Louisiana State University Shreveport
29 Commitment Plan as adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and
30 Agricultural and Mechanical College on April 27, 2012, can be a cost-effective, efficient,

1 and immediate strategy for enhancing postsecondary education needs in the region, including
2 raising the educational attainment of the population; improving the quality of life and
3 economic well-being of Shreveport-Bossier residents; ensuring that students are provided
4 the educational resources they need to have a reasonable chance for success in their
5 academic pursuits; making optimal use of facilities, faculties, and other academic and fiscal
6 resources associated with the public postsecondary institutions; and maintaining and growing
7 foundation and alumni monies attained for the purpose of supporting Louisiana State
8 University at Shreveport.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all public institutions of postsecondary
10 education in the region and the Board of Regents are urged and requested to fully cooperate
11 and support implementation of the Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State
13 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College shall report in writing to the legislature
14 as provided by R.S. 17:771 and 772, the House Committee on Education and the Senate
15 Committee on Education, and the Board of Regents two weeks after the end of each Fall and
16 Spring semester for the next three academic years on its progress in implementing the
17 Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan, which report shall include but not
18 be limited to details on new programs offered and put into effect as well as student
19 enrollment and completion data for such programs.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted
21 to the presiding officer of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and
22 Agricultural and Mechanical College, the president of the Louisiana State University
23 System, the presiding officer of the Board of Regents, and the commission of higher
24 education.

DIGEST

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Provides legislative findings relative to the LSU Shreveport Commitment Plan as unanimously endorsed by the LSU Board of Supervisors on April 27, 2012, requests all public postsecondary education institutions in the region to fully cooperate and support plan

implementation, and specifies that the LSU Board of Supervisors shall make certain written reports to the legislature, the legislative education committees, and the Board of Regents for the next three academic years on the progress of plan implementation.