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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 280

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS: Urges and requests state officials, including legislators and appropriate Department of Transportation and Department of Economic Development officials, to read the Critical Development Issues Overview report by Vickerman and Associates commissioned by the St. Bernard Parish government

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request members of the House of Representatives and state officials, including
3 appropriate persons at the Department of Transportation and Development and
4 Louisiana Economic Development, to read and review the Critical Development
5 Issues Overview report by Vickerman and Associates, LLC that was commissioned
6 by the St. Bernard parish government.

7 WHEREAS, the Port of New Orleans has proposed the creation of a new container
8 terminal project entitled the Louisiana International Terminal Container to be constructed
9 in St. Bernard; and

10 WHEREAS, the proposed Louisiana International Terminal will impact every aspect
11 of the entire St. Bernard community; and

12 WHEREAS, residents of St. Bernard have voiced hesitancy and concern about the
13 Louisiana International Terminal being constructed within their community; and

14 WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Parish government commissioned a report based on
15 Freedom of Information Act responses from the United States Army Corps of Engineers,
16 state port authorities, and maritime industry public information and data entitled Critical
17 Development Issues Overview; and

18 WHEREAS, the report opines that the Port of New Orleans neglected to conduct or
19 share crucial project due-diligence information and analysis to adequately justify this mega
20 container and intermodal rail terminal development proposal; and

1 WHEREAS, the report further states that not conducting a comprehensive site
2 selection analysis would be a strategic mistake for Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, the impact of the Louisiana International Terminal is shown by the
4 report to drastically impact local infrastructure, traffic, and roadways; and

5 WHEREAS, the recent barge collision incidents at Galveston Bay in Texas and at
6 the Patapsco River in Baltimore are indicative of the type of catastrophic scenarios that could
7 potentially occur in the vicinity of the Louisiana International Terminal, including possible
8 harm to levees that could be detrimental to human life; and

9 WHEREAS, the issues considered in the Critical Development Issues Overview
10 report should be considered by state legislators and officials in selecting the location of the
11 Louisiana International Terminal.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that every member of the House of
14 Representatives and the appropriate personnel at both the Department of Transportation and
15 Development and Louisiana Economic Development read and consider the Critical
16 Development Issues Overview report by Vickerman and Associates, LLC that was
17 commissioned by the St. Bernard parish government.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Bernard parish government shall transmit
19 physical and electronic copies of the report to the Department of Transportation and
20 Development Office of Multimodal Commerce, to Louisiana Economic Development Office
21 of International Commerce, and to each Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate
22 member.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each
24 member of the House of Representatives as well as the secretary of the Department of
25 Transportation and Development and the secretary of the Louisiana Economic Development.

DIGEST

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