

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a traffic study at the intersection of United States Highway 171 North, known locally as Martin Luther King Highway, and Moeling Street in Calcasieu Parish.

WHEREAS, Calcasieu Parish has been experiencing an increase in vehicular traffic at the intersection of United States Highway 171 North and Moeling Street; and

WHEREAS, it is important that state and local governments protect the motoring public on all roads, particularly the roads and highways that experience high volumes of traffic; and

WHEREAS, United States Highway 171 is a frequently traveled roadway in Calcasieu Parish that runs north to south and Moeling Street is a busy roadway that runs east to west; and

WHEREAS, right before this intersection, there is an overpass at the intersection of United States Highway 171 and Interstate 10; and

WHEREAS, as soon as motorists cross over the overpass in the north bound lane they approach traffic in the right lane to exit onto Moeling Street; and

WHEREAS, traffic attempting to exit United States Highway 171 onto Moeling Street in the north bound lane has become so static that it has caused several accidents with motorists who are crossing over the United States Highway 171 and Interstate 10 intersection immediately approaching the Moeling Street exit; and

WHEREAS, the exit to get onto Moeling Street from United States Highway 171 North has become so backed up that motorists are left no resort but to drive up to the next two exits and turn south to get back to Moeling Street; and

WHEREAS, an additional exiting lane and turning lane may prove valuable in protecting lives and decreasing the accident rate at this intersection.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a traffic study of the intersection of United States Highway 171, locally known as Martin Luther King Highway, and Moeling Street in Calcasieu Parish to determine the need for an additional exiting and turning lane.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development shall report its findings to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works by February 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES