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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 9
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ANIMALS/HORSES: Requests the House Committee on Commerce to study the allocation of gaming proceeds to various horse organizations

1 A STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on Commerce to study the allocation of gaming proceeds to
3 various horse organizations and to report its findings to the House of Representatives
4 prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, the horse racing industry has a long and storied tradition in the state of
6 Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, horse racing has a profound economic impact through tourism,
8 wagering, and employment; and

9 WHEREAS, wagering on horse races at the race tracks and off-track wagering
10 parlors has helped the development of the business of horse racing as well as create revenue
11 for the state; and

12 WHEREAS, recently, the amount of revenue grew substantially with the
13 implementation of provisions allowing for slot machines at the various race tracks and off-
14 track wagering parlors; and

15 WHEREAS, organizations and associations have been formed to institute and
16 maintain programs to encourage and permit development of the business of horse racing; and

17 WHEREAS, certain percentages of revenues from wagering on horse racing and
18 from slot machines at the various race tracks and off-track wagering parlors are used to fund
19 these organizations and associations; and

1 WHEREAS, throughout the state in these tough economic times, many high schools
2 are struggling to maintain agricultural programs that encourage educating students regarding
3 horses; and

4 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study whether part of the revenue generated
5 from wagering and slot machines could be used to help maintain these agricultural programs.

6 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests
7 the House Committee on Commerce to study the allocation of gaming proceeds to various
8 horse organizations, and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the
9 convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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