

1 responsibility to protect the health, public safety, welfare, and future prosperity of the
2 citizens of the state, to fully develop the human, economic, and natural resources of the state
3 through a well-informed and business-oriented Department of Economic Development; and

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development which utilizes
5 various incentives and programs to encourage businesses to expand or relocate to Louisiana,
6 including the Mega-Project Development Fund, various tax credits and exemptions, tax
7 abatements, and workforce recruitment, may very well be interested in exploring the use of
8 the areas along the Red River as yet another incentive to encourage economic development
9 in this state; and

10 WHEREAS, the Red River area between the cities of Alexandria and Pineville has
11 not been developed to its full potential and the undeveloped and under-used space is a
12 missed opportunity to generate income, encourage economic development, and provide
13 additional resources to both public and private entities within the communities; and

14 WHEREAS, economic development is vital to the seven parishes within the Red
15 River Waterway District; and

16 WHEREAS, recreation and economic development projects and state operation and
17 maintenance, current and future funding priorities and available funds, and strategic plans
18 are all critical components necessary to ensure economic development for those parishes and
19 the Red River Waterway District.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Legislature urges and requests
21 the Red River Waterway Commission and the Louisiana Department of Economic
22 Development to prepare and provide to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate
23 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, a report on
24 economic development opportunities and strategies for the Red River area between the cities
25 of Alexandria and Pineville no later than February 1, 2013.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 Red River Waterway Commission and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

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