

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

PUBLIC BUILDINGS/GROUNDS. Urges the Legislature of Louisiana to erect a Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Legislature of Louisiana to erect a Ten Commandments monument
3 on the grounds of the State Capitol.

4 WHEREAS, most American citizens have voiced strong sentiments that the Ten
5 Commandments are historically important in nature because they provide a foundation for
6 Western law; and

7 WHEREAS, courts at all levels across the United States have ruled that the Ten
8 Commandments are a basis for the development of Western legal codes and reflects closely
9 what society and culture believe is the manner in which all people should conduct their lives;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Ten Commandments have provided an extraordinary influence upon
12 the morals, ethics, ideas and the very ideal of a just society, where people live and obey the
13 civil and criminal laws of this great nation; and

14 WHEREAS, neighboring states, such as Texas and Oklahoma, have successfully
15 fought efforts to ban the display of the Ten Commandments on the grounds of their state
16 capitols by seeking legal relief from high courts, including the United States Supreme Court;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, there is currently pending legislation filed in the 2011 Regular Session

1 of the Legislature that would provide for installation of a Ten Commandments monument
2 on the grounds of the state capitol using private funds under the direction of the
3 commissioner of administration; and

4 WHEREAS, the proposed monument would not exceed six feet in height by four feet
5 in width by four feet in depth and would include a plaque that includes the text of "Context
6 for Acknowledging America's Religious History", as set forth in R.S. 25:1283; and

7 WHEREAS, the design, construction, placement, and maintenance of the proposed
8 monument on the present grounds of the Louisiana State Capitol shall be without cost to the
9 state.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 urge and request its members to support plans and approve legislation that would provide
12 for the commissioner of administration to direct efforts for a Ten Commandments monument
13 to be designed, constructed, installed and maintained, at no cost to the state, on the grounds
14 of the Louisiana State Capitol.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 governor of Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Walsworth

SCR No.

Requests that a Ten Commandments monument be designed, constructed, installed and
maintained on the grounds of the Louisiana State Capitol at no cost to the state.