

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX AND REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Joint Task Force 7 composed of seven sheriff offices to prevent terrorist activities.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Joint Task Force 7 law enforcement counter-terrorism group, hereinafter
3 referred to as "JTF7," composed of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge,
4 Ascension, Iberville, West Feliciana, East Feliciana, and Pointe Coupee parish
5 Sheriffs' offices.

6 WHEREAS, the JTF7 is composed of Sheriff Sid Guatreux of East Baton Rouge
7 Parish, Sheriff Mike Caze of West Baton Rouge Parish, Sheriff Jeff Wiley of Ascension
8 Parish, Sheriff Brent Allain of Iberville Parish, Sheriff Austin Daniels of West Feliciana
9 Parish, Sheriff Talbidge Bunch of East Feliciana Parish, and Sheriff Beauregard Torres III
10 of Pointe Coupee Parish; and

11 WHEREAS, the JTF7 enumerated sheriff offices have homeland security
12 responsibilities for the Baton Rouge area, which is rated a Group 1 security risk; and

13 WHEREAS, the Group 1 security risk is based on the Baton Rouge area having the
14 largest fuel refinery in the United States, two large bridges crossing the Mississippi River,
15 a large nuclear energy plant, numerous chemical plants, the third largest port in the United
16 States, home of state and parish governments, and two universities with student populations
17 that exceed thirty thousand persons; and

18 WHEREAS, the JTF7 was formed with the intention to cooperatively work on the

1 implementation of the project, goals, and security measures surrounding the above described
2 areas and other objectives the JTF7 deem relevant; and

3 WHEREAS, the JTF7 provides special response teams to react to any terrorist event
4 and to put into place recovery teams through collaborative efforts of all seven sheriff offices
5 along with the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
6 Preparedness, the Louisiana State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United
7 States Secret Service, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and

8 WHEREAS, the JTF7 works to create community awareness, provide monitoring of
9 sensitive facilities, and provide necessary personnel and equipment to respond to any
10 terrorist incident in the geographical area covered by the seven sheriff offices.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 commend the formation and efforts of JTF7 in their proactive methods eliminating the
13 financing of terrorism; suppressing the provision of safe haven, sustenance or support of
14 terrorists; sharing information with other governments on any groups practicing or planning
15 terrorist acts; cooperating with other entities in the investigation, detection, arrest,
16 extradition and prosecution of those involved in such acts; elimination of active and passive
17 assistance for terrorism; and bringing violators to justice.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 seven respective sheriff offices representing the JTF7 including East Baton Rouge Parish,
20 West Baton Rouge Parish, Ascension Parish, Iberville Parish, West Feliciana Parish, East
21 Feliciana Parish, and Pointe Coupee Parish.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

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Commends the JTF7, a law enforcement task force to combat terrorism efforts, that includes the parishes of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, Iberville, West Feliciana, East Feliciana, and Pointe Coupee.